



The Bean Counters' Quarterly

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Greetings!

Welcome to the June 2011 issue of The Bean Counters' Quarterly!

Happy Canada Day!! Most of us agree, that while our country may not be perfect, we live in a great country and my team and I wish you a very happy holiday!

I am happy to report that we all survived and thrived during this past Tax Season! We are always looking for feedback and comments about our service, especially during such a busy time....please don't hesitate to let us know how we did and what we can do to improve.

In this issue: -We are hoping to share in some of your summer activities this summer as you will hopefully participate in our **2nd Annual PHOTO OF SUMMER Contest** (please see details below)!

- We are launching a **Plan Your Financial Future** program, please see details and contact our office!

-A NEW section is called '**Spotlight On Your Business**'. We have great clients and we want to help promote your business. If you are interested, please let us know (first come-first serve) and provide a brief Bio and Description about your business, as well as a link to your website.

We hope you have a fantastic and safe summer! Enjoy!!

Best regards,

Steve Kirkham

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The idea is to open the lines of communication on a topic or question that may be light and breezy or deep and serious, in an otherwise busy and hurried world. We'll start on our end by telling you about our thoughts on a particular topic or question, and then we'll wait to hear back from you - just hit the link "Here's What I Have to Say" and send us a quick reply.

Here's our topic/question for your consideration:

"What does it mean to celebrate Canada Day for you and your family?"

Our reply for this quarter is from **ANDRE WU**: **"Last month we cast our votes in the federal election. We took our kids with us to see the whole election and also had them express what they felt about those candidates. That may not be something unusual to native Canadians but it means a lot for newcomers. For our kids, what they can see and learn is quite different than we had. So there is big reason to celebrate the Canada Day for us!"**

Here's What I Have To Say - (send reply to) steve@kirkhamca.ca

The 2nd Annual PHOTO OF SUMMER Contest!!!



The 2nd Annual PHOTO OF SUMMER Contest:

The BEST (Wow!) or MOST CREATIVE (Oooh!) or MOST FUN (Woo!) or MOST UNUSUAL (Hmmm!) (plus second and third place winners)

Send us some of your BEST Summer photos and you could WIN a \$100 or \$50 Visa Card!!

The deadline for entry is Tuesday, September 6th, 2011, but we encourage you to submit entries throughout the summer. Our panel of highly esteemed photography judges (yes, that would be Steve, Sherry, Linda, and Andre) will perform the difficult task of selecting the three best photos and we will announce the winners on Friday, September 9th, 2011.

The winning photos will be posted on our website and included in our next issue of The Bean Counters Quarterly (family-friendly please)!

Good Luck and Have Fun!!!

[Check out our Winners from last year:](#)

Planning YOUR Financial Future



Have You Planned Your Financial Future?

What does your financial future look like? Will you be living well and enjoying your lifestyle? Do you own investments and property? Are you able to vacation often? Do your children/grandchildren have the benefit of post secondary education? Do you live a life of security and ease?

Planning for your financial future is often a task people put off....and off.....and off (you get the idea). Whether it's lack of knowledge or time or fear of facing some of the financial

facts, this is one area that can be troublesome for most people.

We are here to help!! We have a **Plan Your Financial Future Questionnaire** that will request the key information we need to get started in providing you with a personalized **LIVING WELL PLAN!** The information contained in it will aid you in taking full control of your financial situation (current and future) which will allow you to make informed choices and decisions that affect your lifestyle, your future, your family, your business, etc! As partners in your financial success, we will be able to incorporate certain aspects of your **LIVING WELL PLAN** into your tax and business planning, as well.

Don't hesitate and delay any longer.....contact our office and ask about our program to help you **Plan Your Financial Future!**

Spotlight On Your Business



Barr's Small Engines Inc. is a full Sales, Service and Parts supply shop for the Lawn, Garden and Outdoor Power Equipment industry. With over 15 years of experience in the field, Greg Barr has opened his shop in Hornby to service the North Halton community. It is located at 14030 Steeles Ave. just east of Trafalgar road along side F.L. Signs. Barr's Small Engines specializes in after

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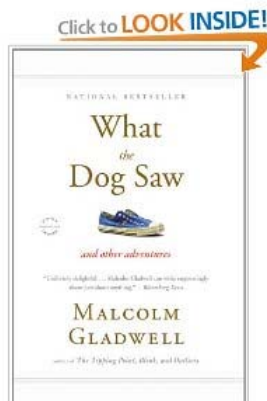
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Recommended Reading:

What the Dog Saw: And Other Adventures By Malcom Gladwell

What is the difference between choking and panicking? Why are there dozens of varieties of mustard-but only one variety of ketchup? What do football players teach us about how to hire teachers? What does hair dye tell us about the history of the 20th century?

In the past decade, Malcom Gladwell has written three books that have radically changed how we understand our world and ourselves: The Tipping



Point; Blink; and Outliers. Now, in **What the Dog Saw**, he brings together, for the first time, the best of his writing from The New Yorker over the same period.

Here is the bittersweet tale of the inventor of the birth control pill, and the dazzling inventions of the pasta sauce pioneer Howard Moscovitz. Gladwell sits with Ron Popeil, the king of the American kitchen, as he sells rotisserie ovens, and divines the secrets of Cesar Millan, the "dog whisperer" who can calm savage animals with the touch of his hand. He explores intelligence tests and ethnic profiling and "hindsight bias" and why it was that everyone in Silicon Valley once tripped over themselves to hire the same college graduate.

"Good writing," Gladwell says in his preface, "does not succeed or fail on the strength of its ability to persuade. It succeeds or fails on the strength of its ability to engage you, to make you think, to give you a glimpse into someone else's head." **What the Dog Saw** is yet another example of the buoyant spirit and unflagging curiosity that have made Malcolm Gladwell our most brilliant investigator of the hidden extraordinary.

[What The Dog Saw](#)

Stuff To Know About Our Team



-Sherry found May to be a very busy month for social events, which included: a Stag & Doe; a trip to Ottawa to visit friends and family, and a recently married cousin; also a trip to Calgary visiting friends in Calgary and then a few days in Banff to attend her husband's business conference. It was a good month! She's also taking a week off in July and will hopefully be able to visit some friends and get some projects done around the house.

-Andre and family will be going to Vancouver to meet with Andre's mom and his brother's family. He is also hosting some of his high school friends who are planning to travel to Canada with their kids, so he'll be busy entertaining this summer.

-Linda found that Spring and Tax Season were very hectic this year, so she will be taking the summer to re-group and perhaps revisit the Finger Lakes region for some relaxation and wine tasting.

-Steve had a good tax season, thanks to the efforts of his team! Things went quite well and having Efile back really helped (now we just hope that CRA does not ask for too much backup to support some of the filings). Steve managed to get away for a few days in April to make maple syrup with his brother up in Parry Sound (an old family tradition that is likely pushing 100 years at the cottage!). School is out for another year and the kids are really looking forward to the summer. Erin is going on 3 week trip to BC for an OceanEd course where she will be scuba diving every day and learning all about marine life. Justin is looking forward to finishing off his swim year and his OAK team just won the regional championships, with him getting a 3rd in the 100m backstroke. Gavin's 8th birthday is on June 27th and he's looking forward to playing lots of basketball and tennis over the summer. Sherry K went back to Nova Scotia in May for the Cabot Trail Relay and had a great time running her 16Km leg in the middle of the night! But all was not hard work, the party(s) more than made up for it. The Kirkham family is planning a big road trip to Florida in August to visit Mickey and friends, stay tuned for some photo.

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