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the Tobiano Lifestyle.

At last the accolades and awards make sense. Best New Canadian Golf Course in 2008 and Best Canadian Public Golf Course in 2009 just for starters. (Score Golf Magazine) No question Tobiano deserves them all and more. Yesterday was golf heaven — four hours, 18 challenging holes, a terrain that seemed to transform into a new microclimate every 100 yards, all set against the natural splendor of Kamloops Lake.

Now it's Day Two of your vacation, and if you're wondering how you'll top yesterday's thrills, get set to gain a whole new perspective on outdoor activities — or, in a more contemporary vernacular, get set to experience how totally awesome, how cool, and just how much more than world-class golf this master planned community is. "When Donna and I walked into the Tobiano presentation centre, it took us all of five minutes to agree we

were going to buy a Lake Star townhouse," says local resident Tom Bouchard. "The outdoor recreation possibilities are endless here. We're big into mountain biking, we hike a lot, and the quadding is fantastic."

"Like a lot of folks who live here, neither of us actually golf. But we love going to the clubhouse to eat — have you tried their lamb? And once the

marina and equestrian centre are completed... well you won't find anything closer to living in paradise. Just look at that." His gesture takes in the lake, shimmering mountains, and this home's peek-a-boo view of Lake Star's luxurious clubhouse." And Summers Landing, the new phase they're building just over there and up the hill, is going to be even better — lake views, an outdoor fireplace in most of them, and it's surrounded by seven fairways." He laughs. "We may just want to buy there as well." Spread out in front is one of the province's cleanest, most pristine lakes. Twenty-nine kilometres long, Kamloops Lake remains a virtually unknown gem of BC's Interior. Here you'll find pontoon boats and waterskiers, fishing dinghies and wakeboarders.

where cows range and marmots play, a setting often immortalized in oils or watercolours. Wildlife is abundant and varied — many long-time residents say it's not uncommon to see an entire hillside covered with deer grazing. In winter, snowmobiling is now challenging traditional snowshoeing or cross country skiing as the preferred method of getting out and into this outdoor playground, but there's no question this remains a world unto itself. With so much nature within sight, it's sometimes easy to forget there's another side to Tobiano. Located barely 15 minutes from Kamloops, you've got easy access to a burgeoning array of city-savvy cultural, epicurean, and retail delights. From musical extravaganzas by Kamloops Symphony Orchestra to mind bending exhibits at the BIG Little Science



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Realtor Andrew Karpiak says he's even seen a group of 60-something-year-olds kite surfing — proof you never get too old to take up a new activity. In less than five minutes on a pontoon boat you'll pass a glittering waterfall, experience a new view from below as a freight train rumbles across a 100-year-old CN Railway brick bridge, spot eagles soaring above or perhaps even a black bear ambling along the ridge.

Centre, from motocross daring at the Whispering Pines Raceway to Buddhist contemplation at the Sitavana Monastery, and from fast food to "linger a while with me by candlelight" fine dining, you'll find it all close at hand.

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If your fancy takes you more to the wild side, there are acres and acres — some 17,000 in fact — awaiting exploration just beyond the front door. Tobiano's outback is filled with lakes, many stocked with trout, where you'll often see fishermen (and women) waving to passing horseback riders or sharing a few tall tales around a camping table. This is ranchland as it's been for centuries, a place

