

Be part of the Kinsol history: win last spike

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The Rotary Club of South Cowichan (Mill Bay) is auctioning off the opportunity of a lifetime -- the chance to drive in the very last spike of the historic Kinsol Trestle rehabilitation project.

The winner and three friends will also lead the first crossing of the 614-foot walkway atop the structure.

The cost to enter the lottery is \$10 but act fast, the April 27 deadline is rapidly approaching.

Including the proceeds of the lottery, as well as a \$10,000 donation raised with the help of South Cowichan Eyecare, the South Cowichan Rotary club has committed \$50,000 in cash and in-kind contributions to the project -- including help with constructing the trails leading up to the trestle, which will include three viewing platforms and will wind through the mighty structure and down to the Koksilah River, offering unique views of the span from several vantage points.

"We decided a long time ago that this project was one that we wanted to be a part of because of its importance to our community," said club president Shirley Walker in a media release. "The Kinsol Trestle project is an important legacy for the Rotary Club of South Cowichan. Our members live and work in the community and take great pride in helping to make this and other community projects a reality."

Core rehabilitation work on the trestle will wrap up at the end of March, but construction activities will continue on the site until the official reopening in June, when the last spike will be driven.

For ticket information about the lottery, please contact John Thomas at 250-881-6351 or (kinsolraffle@gmail.com).

To donate to the trestle fund, visit www.kinsol.ca, or call 250-709-1087 to learn how.