

Motel transformation.

By Chris Adshead

This must surely be West Vancouver's best kept secret! While it is looking so much better on the outside, the transformation of the Horseshoe Bay Motel is even more amazing when you see the rooms. Owner Michael Ling and his team are nearly finished refurbishing the tired motel into a West Vancouver "Boutique Motel".

Starting with a new heating system and laundry, he has now totally renovated all of the 23 rooms including the bath-



rooms. It is evident that no expense has been spared in creating a comfortable atmosphere. Michael clearly has a flair for design and colour, as the rooms are all

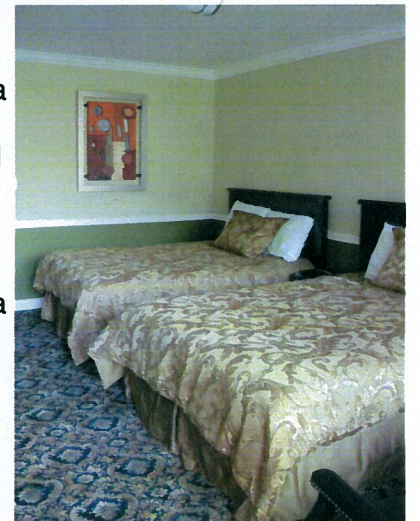


different with furniture individually selected. Some feature Spa

showers. All have fireplaces, big flat screen TVs, (some with DVD players) microwave ovens, fridges and free internet. One of the nice touches is the small library & many rooms even have interesting collectable books in them. Haven't finished a book before you leave? Don't be surprised if you are given it at checkout time!



During our visit in early November we talked to Adriana (the assistant Manager) and Michael about the history of the hotel. Did you know that four movies have been filmed there? We discussed the Motel's convenient location, midway between Vancouver Airport and Whistler, minutes to Grouse and Cypress Mountains, and beside the BC Ferry Terminal. Michael is ready for 2010!



We also talked about Michael's desire to create something special in

Horseshoe Bay, and as we saw he is doing just that!

Rates are still reasonable, in the off season \$88 to \$168 per night and high season \$128 to \$188 per night.

Michael and his staff welcome local residents to view the newly renovated rooms. They are offering special rates this winter for local residents and their guests. You can visit their site for more photos:

www.horseshoe-bay-motel.com

The Horseshoe Bay Motel is located at:
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Left to right: Irina, Adriana and Olga.