



Kelowna Laser Vision News Winter 2009

Christmas Wish List

- ✓ Wake up and see my kids/grandkids
- ✓ Ski without foggy glasses/goggles
- ✓ Forget about contacts and solution when traveling
- ✓ Swim on vacation and be able to see
- ✓ Read the menu
- ✓ Buy fantastic sunglasses
- ✓ Not waste time looking for glasses
- ✓ See the puck



Edward's Eye Opening Experience

Why did you make the decision to have laser vision correction?

I wore glasses since the 8th grade and then contact lenses. As I got older I did more and more outdoor activities like snowmobiling, quading and now hunting. My glasses would fog up and if I was camping and trying to keep contacts clean, it was a real hassle. I also had spoken to a few people who had had laser eye surgery and were really happy with the results. That definitely helped me make the decision.

How did you choose Kelowna Laser Vision?

I started doing research on clinics and typed into Google "laser eye surgery". Then I started checking out all the clinics and their testimonials. Kelowna Laser Vision had a very professional website and a lot of fantastic

testimonials. They clearly had a lot of experience and a great reputation and history. Their professionalism came through the website and it was the same in the clinic, everyone was very dedicated to making sure I did well.

What happened at your consult?

I was greeted and offered coffee, they were very nice. The lady who spoke to me was very professional and answered all my questions. She outlines what would happen with the scans and meeting the doctor. They made me feel very reassured.

Were you nervous going into the surgery?

Yes. I definitely felt some apprehension, which I guess is natural. I was wondering about if I could hold still long enough, things like that. Everyone was very good about explaining things. The surgeon joked with me beforehand to help

me relax and he explained everything as he went along. It's amazing how fast it's over, it's really over before you know it.

What was your night vision like before surgery?

My night vision was pretty bad before the surgery, I had a hard time and really didn't like driving at night. The headlights really glared and when it was stormy weather I really didn't like driving at night at all.

How is it now?

Now my night vision is better, I'm much more confident driving at night. The glare isn't as bad and I don't mind driving in stormy weather any more.

How was your vision after surgery?

The recovery was so fast it amazed me. You rest for a short time in the recovery room after surgery and then you leave. You notice the



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brightness when you leave the clinic but you can see! You go home and sleep and then you wake up and it's amazing! I thought to myself "wow, it's only five hours since surgery and now I can see in the distance!"

I went to work on Monday, I didn't even need to take a day off.

What's life like now?

This has opened so many opportunities for me to enjoy life more. I don't have to worry about a contact popping out if I rub my eyes, I have no hindrances or worries. I do what I want – it's freedom!

"Thanks again, this has really changed my life!!!"



Why is Custom Wavefront Guided the Gold Standard Treatment?

Custom Wavefront Guided laser therapy was a major breakthrough in 2004 because the precision of its treatment allows for the potential to improve not only how much you see but also the fine detail of what you see. How much you see is measured on the eye chart at your optometrist's office. How well you see is more than just lines on an eye chart and is what often really excites patients after surgery because they can see detail they haven't seen before.

These are the results Custom Wavefront Guided treatments can achieve. Special equipment measures all the various imperfections within your optical system, analyzes them and produces a unique topographical "map" of your cornea. It does this by passing a beam of light through the eye and taking detailed measurements as the light bounces back. The process is painless. The laser software

then creates a treatment plan designed to specifically treat your cornea. Each eye is different and no two treatments are alike. The surgeon then uses this data to perform a highly customized and precise treatment on your eyes.

This precise treatment can lead to sharper, crisper vision and often leads to visual results that are better than what patients were able to achieve with glasses or contacts. The eye chart in your optometrist's office shows black letters on a white background which is the ideal way of measuring lines on a chart. It doesn't however capture contrast and what you see in the real world under different lighting conditions. We all experience foggy or snowy days, darkness and dullness which require you to see clearly. Custom Wavefront Guided treatment can potentially improve not only the letters you read on the chart but also the de-

tails you can see in these more difficult settings.

With Wavefront, night vision problems have also been dramatically reduced. In the past, with more traditional treatments, if patients had large pupils they may have been cautioned that they may experience night vision problems such as glare or halos. "Since we have been using Custom Wavefront Guided treatments, many of our patients comment on the fact that their night vision is better than it was before surgery," comments Dr. Joel Casey, Optometrist at Kelowna Laser Vision.



Interesting Facts

In the last 18 years over 20 million people have had laser vision correction including the professional athletes below:

- Golf: Tiger Woods, Tom Byrum, Laura Davies, Steve Elkington, Hale Erwin, Fred Funk, Tom Kite, Jesper Parnevick, Retief Goosen, Scott Hoch, Hal Sutton, Lee Westwood, Mike Weir, Juli Inkster, Se Ri Pak, Hale Irwin, Vijay Singh, Corey Pavin, Rich Beam, Barry Clesman, Bobby Clampett, John Cook
- Football: Troy Aikman, Tiki Barber, LeShon Johnson, Lawrence Taylor, Rodney Peete, Doug Pederson, Darren Perry, Jeff Jaeger, Wayne Chrebet, James Thrash
- Baseball: Wade Boggs, Greg Maddux, Jose Offerman, Jeff Bagwell, Bernard Gilkey, Wally Joyner, Bruce Bochy, Al Martin
- Hockey: Daniel Briere, Markus Naslund, Michael Peca, Pavel Bure, Mathew Biron, Mark Bell