

NEWSLETTER



PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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Clubs for retired and semi-retired professional and business persons, former executives and others

NEXT MEETING: September 19, 2000

TIME: 9:30AM

LOCATION: Stanley Park Pavilion

SPEAKER: Murray T. Martin

TOPIC: Sustaining Canada's Health Care System

Minutes from August 15, 2000

Roy Williams opened the meeting at 9:50 and following the introduction of two guests advised the members that Norm Weitzel's name had been omitted in error from the Nominating Committees report published in last months' newsletter. Norm is to be added to the report for the position of Vice President for the coming year.

Roy then called upon Tom McCusker, chair of the visit/entertainment committee, to update the members on coming events. These included the Chinatown tour, October 11th, which while booked up, will accept a wait list. Also a night at the races to be held October 28 at Cloverdale with spouses welcome.

John Catchpole reminded members of the September 20th visit to the sawmill operation and Helicopter logging demonstration followed by a box lunch compliments of Interfor. Those attending are encouraged to bring extra hard hats. Bus transportation is arranged from Oakridge with pick-up at the Park Royal shopping centre. Space is limited, book now!

Newt Hopkins reminded bridge players to contact him for social bridge to begin this fall through Spring (Call Newt at 929-5954).

Brice Macdougall announced that Murray Martin, President and C.E.O. of the Vancouver Hospital and Health Science Centre will be our speaker at our September 19th meeting.

Roy Williams introduced our speaker Alard Ages to speak on the "interaction between tides and river flow in the Fraser"

Mr. Ages has spent 30 years studying the Fraser. While now retired, our speaker continues to work with the Institute of Ocean Sciences as an Emeritus Research engineer. Our speaker explained how he was first introduced to the Fraser as a UBC Grad student working on a project to determine the feasibility of using compressed air (bubbles) to dissipate sediment in the river to keep the channel clear for Russian grain ships loading at the Fraser grain elevator. While the process was found to be a failure our speaker was pleased to obtain his thesis from the study.

The gathering of reliable tidal information is critical for navigation on the Fraser as the window for ships to enter and exit is a short 2 hours. Sedimentation presents a further problem.

It is interesting to note that salinity is not found any further than New Westminster on the Southern arm and Mitchell Island on the North Branch.

Mr. Ages began preliminary studies on Fraser tides and flow in the 70's. With an early computer model it became clear that larger computers were required to do a comprehensive study. Initially they used 50 gauges in the Fraser with data collected over 6 months.

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Mr. Ages told of his early experience in the field, where he warned, "modellers should not go". While on a rock collecting geodetic data a Russian Freighter passed and washed him off the rock. On another occasion he was attempting to transmit signals at night using a pen light when he discovered the entire fishing fleet was out that evening using their lights.

While the use of tide models is invaluable for navigation there are additional uses. Tide models were employed to help Police locate a bag containing drugs which had been dumped off a suspect boat.

Tidal Models were also used to study a possible diversion canal West of New Westminster after considerable study using the data. It was determined that flood conditions matching those of 1948 would threaten the safety of Richmond. There are some natural conditions which cannot be determined by using the models. For example, what would happen with a heavy rain, or flood upstream in an area such as Chilliwack.

The speaker discussed the use of Physical models such as used by the N.R.C. in the 60's and at UBC. In Holland they continue to use some physical models in conjunction with computer modelling with success.

A variety of questions from members followed including: the effect on Rip tides by the wind in Burrard Inlet (unexplainable), and if there were any studies done to predict tidal effects caused by earthquake in the Georgia Strait (no studies known of).

Leo Sauve thanked our speaker for an informative and most entertaining presentation although "some members may have hoped for a different collection of slides of models"

Norm Weitzel

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

My year as

President of the
Probus Club of
Vancouver is

rapidly coming
to a close. Your
new President

and Management Committee will be
installed at the September 19th meeting.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as your President. The measure of success enjoyed by the President of any organization depends on the members of his executive and Committee. The other committee chairmen and the numerous volunteers who served on these committees has made my task not only easy but a real delight. I am truly grateful to each and every Probus Club member who supported our efforts during the past year.

The committee strives constantly to make our meetings interesting and enjoyable to all those present. Attendance by a significant number of our 230 plus membership is critical to attracting top quality speakers.

During the past year considerable effort has been put forth to encourage more fellowship amongst our members. The series of outings sponsored by your club has been well received and in several cases "sold out" well in advance of the affair. In the forthcoming year I know you will give the incoming President, John Hopkins, the solid support you have given me.

Yours Sincerely,

Roy E. Williams

President



MURRAY T. MARTIN

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Murray is the President & C.E.O of Vancouver Hospital & Health Sciences Centre, British Columbia's major teaching research and referral hospital affiliated with the University of British Columbia. VHHSC was created with the 1993 merger of the former Vancouver General Hospital and the University Hospital, UBC Site. The George Pearson Centre, a special program long term care facility as well as the GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre were also amalgamated with Vancouver Hospital in July, 1997. The hospital has approximately 1700 beds and 10,000 employees who care for over 400,000 patients annually. Prior to joining VHHSC early in 1991, Murray held various senior management positions in health care including:

- Executive Vice-President & Chief Executive Officer Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, Toronto, Ontario 1986-91
- Administrator
Pasqua Hospital Regina, Saskatchewan
- Assistant Administrator
Swift Current Union Hospital, Swift Current, Saskatchewan (1971-73)

EDUCATION

- Murray is a graduate of the Health Administration Program at the University of Toronto and also holds a Bachelor of Administration degree from the University of Saskatchewan

Urgent - Day Trip to Squamish

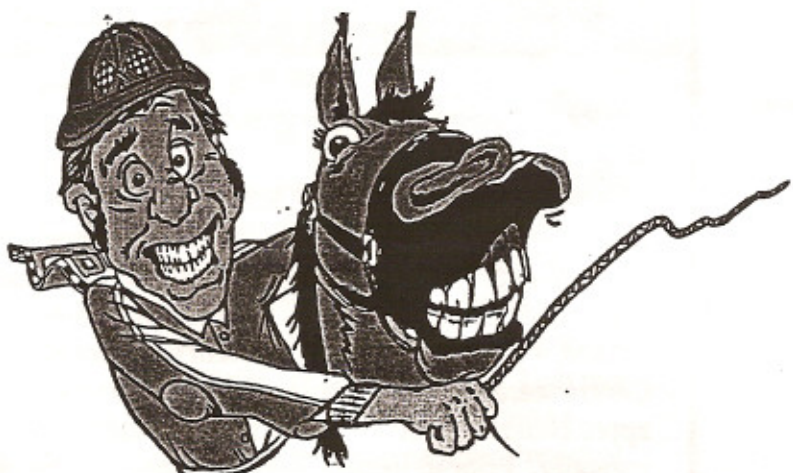
SEPTEMBER 20, 2000 - PRICE INCLUDING LUNCH - \$30.00

There is still considerable room on the bus for the visit to INTERFOR'S operations in Squamish. Don't miss this opportunity to visit a modern sawmill and observe helicopter logging.

CALL TODAY: John Catchpole - 922-1182
Bill Manson - 988-2365

SPECIAL BULLETIN

**Come to a night at the
CLOVERDALE RACES,
Friday October 28th, 6pm.**



- A wonderful buffet
- Bring your wife or significant other
- Clubhouse seating with your own T.V. to watch the races
- Lots of fun and congeniality!
- Sign up now - \$28.00 per person includes all costs except your bets!
- We will have a sign up sheet at the September meeting, also we will take phone confirmation
- A maximum of 50 people
- For further information call PIDGE MCBRIDE 274-0446

Hope to see you there!



SEPTEMBER GREETERS ARE:

**Charlie Sale
Don Milliken**