



NEWSLETTER

PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday April 8, 2003

TIME: 9:30 AM

**LOCATION: H.R. MacMillan Planetarium
and Space Centre - Lower Level**

**SPEAKER: R. Keith Purchase, Chair of
the Vancouver Coast Health Authority**

**TOPIC: "Improving the Health Care
System - Progress to date."**

Minutes of March 11, 2003

Attendance: 136 with 7 guests (including John Fraser, Former Federal Fisheries Minister and Speaker of the House of Commons)

9:57 am Farquhar opens by talking about time and being early. Sauve talks about door prizes (still) and how nobody showed up (with door prizes). McBride talks about new Probuss Club on North Shore, spreading the word of Probuss and women (they too may have new Probuss Club). Weitzel talks about University, golf, clubs and April 28th. Cotton mentions THE one that didn't make it in March will be here in April. Thom talks about "a surprise" and a "couples kind of thing" for June (orgy?) Wallace is never asked and McCabe, Hoyle and Lambert say nothing.

Rawsthorne, John, a professional engineer, with interests in politics, finance, outdoors and natural history introduces our guest speaker Dr. Brad Hicks (who has degrees in fish and wildlife biology, veterinary medicine and fish pathology) whose topic is "Fish Farming in a Psychotic British Columbia", or, "What I did After Traveling all Over the World Looking at Sick Fish". *(Psychosis - a severe mental illness in which a person loses contact with reality - psychotic - a person with a psychosis). Hicks

had a lot to say about DSF, (David Suzuki Foundation) (not favourable), fish poo (neutral), by-pass nutrients (his favourite) and greening (governments putting fertilizer in the water).

Salmon and trout are essentially the same and wild salmon are found in Northern Hemisphere - none in Southern Hemisphere ("Chickens not native to Fraser Valley"). Farmed fish are "farmed" in Northern Europe and in same regions as wild but also in Chile. Fisher folk and fish farmers (and just about everybody else, for that matter) fight over power, wealth and sex. In 1980 farm salmon (world) was around 500 tonnes, by late 90's farm and wild were about equal and by 2003 more came from farms. A look at Alaska commercial salmon catches over past 20 years shows tonnage increases but precipitous drop in value. (500M to 200M)

Your largest farmers are Norway (450,000 tonnes) followed by Chile (380,000), UK (140,000) and North America (100,000). In the last couple of years cost of salmon about level with value of chicken. Hicks found a filet of salmon and a filet of chicken were both \$14.95 recently at his neighbourhood market.

Ocean is the common property. Industry Life Stages (generic) have Science/Technology, Economics/ Market and Politics. Fishery in political stage (Commercial fishers were traditional power, sports fishers - ("lot of clout"), first nations - ("renewed tradition"), environmentalists (DSF - remember?) and aquaculturists (the "new kids"). Burnt Church Reserve, Supreme Court of Canada (Sparrow case in the West, Marshall case in the East), buy/backs. Perception Vs Reality - fear of food. Baby seal louse - Broughton Archipelago - grizzlies (bear) - same in misinformation.

This year's Adams River Run was highest on record. B.C. has about 7% of global farm market. Fish farming is a very efficient way of producing food but what is really needed is a

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Federal Aquaculture Act. **Hicks** feels that the Act is not too many scales away.

Question period covers sea lice ("not new", small numbers on farm fish, large on Pacific salmon), Steelhead/Atlantic Salmon ("can't cross breed"), Atlantic farm (low mortality - 87% yield Pacific, 92% Atlantic), land fish farm (like "IC in hospital" - everything has to be brought to you - there will be failure) cost of farm/wild, feed used in farms (using as meal fish and oil previously burned off etc.)

Hamilton, Hugh of the forest industry with interest in natural history, birding and pueblo art thanked **Hicks**.

DWHC, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Spring to me has always been dominated not by the rites, but by my chance to support our government through the payment of higher income tax (this meant - oh joy that I had made more money). This year however is different. We have another organization to support - the Annual Convention of Probus. Here is our chance to meet Probus members from all over the Province. You are all welcome to attend the banquet session at the Best Western Hotel in Tsawwassen on Thursday, May 8th for the modest sum of \$45.00\$\$ - entertainment included. See you there.

"Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we diet" - Anon

Donald Farquhar
President

NOTICES:

An Invitation to Tour and lunch Onboard the Seven Seas Mariner Radisson Seven Seas Cruises June 12, 2003

We have been provided with an opportunity for members and spouses to come aboard Radisson Seven Seas Cruises, "Seven Seas Mariner" to experience this 6 star, all veranda "State of the Art" spacious and extremely stable 50,000 ton, 700-passenger cruise ship. Lunch is included. Responses from members and spouses will be accepted on a first mail received and a draw for ties basis. At present this tour is limited to 50 people. Exact boarding time will be provided later. Please complete and mail the enclosed reply form and mail to the Probus office to reserve your spot

Our thanks for inviting us to: **Dale Forbes, Specialized Travel Services, 604-947-0959.**

**April Greeters:**

Gord Hogarth
Bob Pollock

April Cash Desk:

Jack Croll
George Adams

Members Services Desk:

Roy Williams

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - WALKING TOUR
OF NEW WESTMINSTER**

The walking tour of New Westminster is over subscribed. Also, too many people have chosen May 7.

Please signify on the enclosed form your choice of dates and if you could attend either day and mail to the office.

**ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, APRIL 28TH**

Time is running out!!! Register now for a fun day with fellow Probus golfers. No handicap limit!!

For only \$130.00 you can play a fine golf course, enjoy a healthy luncheon sandwich plus drink, and end the day with a super barbecue dinner. Registration form enclosed.

PROBUS B.C. ANNUAL CONVENTION

Thursday May 8th - Friday May 9th, 2003

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The Committee is still looking for couples to act as hosts at the banquet on Thursday evening, May 8th. One couple will be seated at each of the banquet tables. This is an excellent opportunity to meet Probus members from other B.C. Clubs and enjoy an evening

of fellowship and entertainment. Please call Gordon Thom at (604) 739-0714 for details.
Also, Leo Sauve is still seeking gift items to hand out to delegates (up to 50) as well as items for door prizes at the banquet. Call Leo at (604)-925-2702.

R. Keith Purchase

1999-2003: Director Norske Canada. Chairman of Board Heatwave Inc. Chairman of Board Greater Vancouver YMCA. Chairman of Board Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. Director Providence Health.

1998-1999: Exec. VP and COO MacMillan Bloedel. Key member of management team that turned MacMillan Bloedel around and doubled the value of the company in one year, when Weyerhaeuser acquired it in late 1999.

1994-1998: President and CEO TimberWest Forest Products. Took TimberWest public in 1994, as an independent company (51% ownership by Fletcher Challenge Canada). In 3 years increased the value of the company so that FCCL exited in 1997 with \$840 million. (\$700 million added value). Converted remaining assets into income trust. Acquired Pacific Forest Products private timberlands and then converted the financial structure into a stapled unit to allow greater participation by US investors.

1990-1993: Managing Director. Tasman Pulp and Paper (New Zealand)

1987-1990: Director - Operations Tasman Pulp and Paper (New Zealand). In six years reduced the work force from 2100-1300 employees. Doubled productivity. Reduced cost structure by 30%. Increased production by 30% and successfully completed a \$300 million capital program, on time and below budget. The New Zealand site moved from being the worst labour climate in Australasia to an international industry benchmark in employee managed work teams.

1974 - 1987: Production and Marketing management roles. Wood Products MacMillan Bloedel.

Hold degrees in Mechanical Engineering (BE - University of Auckland, N.Z.) and Economics (BCA - University of Victoria, Wellington N.Z.) and MBA from Simon Fraser University.

Have a multitude of interests outside of the business world - all sports, music, sketching, photography, reading, traveling and family. An explorer of wilderness and culture.

I believe my strengths are in strategic thinking and implementation. Thrive on inspiring others to excel.