



# NEWSLETTER

## PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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**Next Meeting:** August 12, 2003

**Time:** 9:30am

**Location:** H.R. MacMillan Planetarium and Space Centre, Lower Level

**Speaker:** Tony Knox, Partner in the Vancouver office of McCarthy,  
Tetrault LLP

**Topic:** Resource Development and Consultation with Native Peoples

**Minutes of July 8, 2003 - Attendance: 116 and 5 guests**

**AUGUST 2003**

**Denis Creighton** unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting today, so you will have to accept these (not as amusing) minutes that you have come to expect in the past.

**Don** started the meeting at 10:00 am sharp!

**Pidge** introduced the President **John Leonard** and the Vice President **Stuart McNeill** of the North Shore Probus Club.

**Fred** announced the speaker for the August meeting - **Anthony Knox**. The topic will be Resource Development and Consultation with Native Peoples.

**Gordon** reported on the very enjoyable tour and lunch on the Seven Seas Mariner. This tour was organized for Vancouver Probus Club by Dale Forbes of Dale Forbes Travel.

The next engagement will be the Bard on the Beach on July 24, Thursday.

**John Hoyle** announced a Day at the Races on August 23, Saturday at

12.30pm - cost \$29.00 per person. Send money to Probus office.

**Ed Legg** introduced the speaker. Dr. Andre Gerolymatos. "Good for him for being able to pronounce the surname".

The presentation was on the importance of knowing the history of the Islamic Religion.

We have to understand that the trouble has been around since the day of the Crusades 1,000 AD.

There are three facets of Islam:

1. The rational intelligent - Islam
2. The Secular Islam
3. Terrorists of Islam - This started in Saudi - These are the people that look up to Bin Laden.

The rational Islam we can work with - they are the majority (ie the Turks).

The Secular group (i.e. Iran). We have difficulty with negotiations with their unbending religious beliefs with the terrorists. We seem not to find a solution.



The Secular and Terrorists are living in the past and blame the Crusades for the trouble's we are in now.

Don Farquhar thanked the speaker.

Tom McCusker

Vice President

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

We are very successful. Probus Vancouver has grown to be one of the largest Probus Clubs in Canada. Our current size has created administrative problems. The current corporate structure worked very well when we had 150 members. Now with 277 members corporate gridlock has arrived. For example, one person could handle our outings without difficulty, fielding phone calls, collecting money, chasing up delinquent payers, etc. Now we have many events occurring with many more participants and with all of the attendant difficulties. We need a new approach to manage this and other club activities.

How does our government deal with this sort of thing - by the creation of a Royal Commission! So that is what your Management Committee has done, only we are calling it the Ad Hoc Steering Information Group with a sunset clause. This group has no power, will do nothing, will cost buckets of money, and report six years after the expiry of the fourteenth extension of its mandate (just kidding - put away the recall forms).

In reality, Tom McCusker, Bill Wallace, Doug Lambert, Gordon Thom and yours truly will create a definitive solution complete with a one page report by the end of the summer. We promise to resign en mass if the report is not submitted on time!

If any of the membership have suggestions for the refinement of the club's management please submit them in writing to the Group.

Don Farquhar

President

"The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and alter their constitutions of government."

-George Washington 1732-1799

*Farewell address (September 17, 1796)*

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## **NOTICES**

### **MEMBERS SERVICES DESK:**

Tom McCusker

**CASH DESK:** Bob Weese, Hank Ballou

**GREETERS:** Sandy Pinkerton,  
Kilgour Shives

### **North Shore Probus Club**

The following is a list of the members of their Management Committee:

**President:** John Leonard (604)924-9286

**Vice President and Chairman of the House**

**Committee:** Dr. Stuart McNeill (604)926-7204

**Secretary:** Don Brinton (604)922-9192

**Treasurer:** Glenn Ferguson (604)921-1232

**Speakers Committee:** Barry Gosney  
(604)922-8533

**Membership Committee:** Don Smith  
(604)926-8286

*The club will meet at 9:30am on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Hollyburn Country Club. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 16th, 2003.*



## ***CHANGE IN MEETING DATES:***

**October Meeting** - Our usual 2nd Tuesday meeting date of October 14th follows the long weekend, so the meeting date has been moved to **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH.**

**November meeting** - Since Remembrance Day falls on Tuesday, November 11th The Probus Club meeting will be on **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12TH.**

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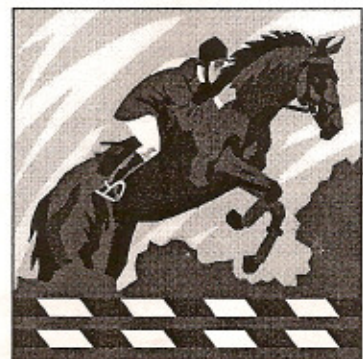
### **A DAY AT THE RACES HASTINGS PARK 12:30PM SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2003**

A casual event on a summer afternoon for our Probus members and their guests along with members and guests of Vancouver Rotary Club.

The all inclusive package price is \$29.00 per person which includes club house admission, official racing program, wagering guide, reserved seating and a fabulous full course buffet in the Silks Restaurant. First parade to the post 1:23 pm.

Cheques **only please** payable to Probus Club Vancouver. See registration form enclosed. **Deadline is August 12.**

Further information call John Hoyle 604-926-2667



## **Vancouver Aquarium Slide Show, Lecture and Tour**

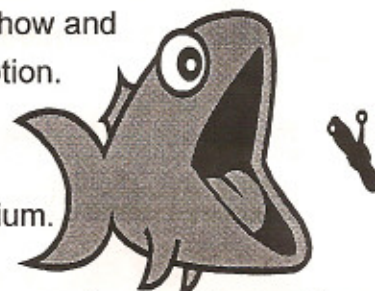
### **9:45 AM Wednesday, September 24, 2003**

9:30-10:00 - Guests enter door #5.

10:00 - Dr. Murray Newman, CM, Founder and Director Emeritus - Slide show and lecture on the history and development of the aquarium since inception.

11:00 - Small group behind-the-scenes and highlights tour by staff.

There will be a \$15.00 fee per person to cover an honourarium to the Aquarium.



**Probus members and guests are invited to stay, have lunch, and further explore and enjoy the aquarium**

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## **TONY KNOX**

### **PARTNER**

Tony Knox is a partner in the Vancouver office of McCarthy Tetrault practising in the Corporate Finance and Mergers and Acquisitions Group and the Mining Law Group.

Mr. Knox has experience in the area of mergers and acquisitions relating to both public and private corporations in a wide range of industries, including mining, manufacturing, aquaculture, commercial fishing, food processing and distribution, natural gas, engineering, navigation, electronic funds transfer credit processing, credit collections, advertising, restaurant and entertainment. He also advises on questions of corporate law, finance, re-organizations, work-outs and governance as well as legislative amendment.

Mr. Knox also has experience dealing with the relationships between natural resource developers and indigenous peoples.

Mr. Knox joined the firm in 1981. He received his BA (Honours) from the University of Victoria (1969) and his Ph.D. from Cambridge University (1974). He completed two years of legal studies at Cambridge University (1975) and received his LLB from Dalhousie University (1976). He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1978 and the British Columbia bar in 1981.

Mr. Knox is a former Chairman of both Committee 3 (indigenous Peoples) of the International Bar Association and the Business Law Section of the British Columbia Branch of the Canadian Bar Association. He is a member of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada and the international Mining Professionals Society as well as the President and a director of the Society of the Canadian Friends of the British Museum.