



NEWSLETTER

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October 2010

Next Meeting: October 12th, 2010
Time: 9:30 am
Location: H.R. MacMillian Planetarium and Space Centre, Lower Level
Speaker: **Bob Lenarduzzi**
Topic: The Outlook for the Vancouver Whitecaps

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16th—Tour of Boeing Plant
Rotary/Probuss Bridge 2010-2011
(see sidebar on last page)

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BOB LENARDUZZI



Bob Lenarduzzi has been involved with the Whitecaps Football Club for over three decades, excelling as a player, coach, general manager, director of soccer operations, and now president. Playing with his hometown Whitecaps (1974-1984), Bob was the North American Soccer League's all-time leader in games played with 312. He was the only Canadian to win the North American Player of Year, and in 1979, he was a key member of the Whitecaps championship-winning team. He has represented Canada 47 times as a player, helping them qualify for the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico. For his efforts, Lenarduzzi was named among CONCACAF's top 30 players of the past century. As a player/coach, he won four straight Canadian Soccer League championships and was twice named CSL Coach of the Year. He went on to coach Canada's men's national team from 1992 to 1997.

Lenarduzzi served as the

general manager and director of soccer operations of the Vancouver 86ers and Whitecaps FC from 1988 to 1993, and 1998 to 2007. In 2000, he received the USL First Division Executive of the Year award, while he was also a member of the FIFA U-20 World Cup Canada 2007 Steering Committee.

Lenarduzzi has been inducted into the North American Soccer Hall of Fame, the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame, the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame, and the United Soccer Leagues Hall of Fame. In 2005, he received the Order of British Columbia – the highest form of recognition that the province can extend to its citizens – for his contribution to the sport of soccer.



Report of the September 14^h Meeting

Attendance: 175 Members and Guests

Nick Thornton, outgoing President called the meeting to order at 10:00am. This being the Annual Meeting he invited **George Adams**, Chairman of the Nominating Committee to the podium. George rose to request, in the absence of other nominations, a motion to appoint the slate of officers and various Chairmen set out in the September Newsletter. So moved seconded and carried.

He then welcomed the newly appointed President, **Bill Sexsmith** and turned over the conduct of the meeting to him. Bill Sexsmith thanked the Past President for his outstanding leadership over the past year and bestowed the Past President's pin. Bill Sexsmith requested a motion to adopt the financial report for the period ending July 31, 2010. So moved, seconded and carried. The Membership Chairman, **Conrad Rade-maker** advised that nominations for membership were reopened. Application forms are available on the website. He warned that the waiting period for membership would be lengthy.

The Activities Chairman, **Bill Robertson**, provided details of the proposed bus trip to the Boeing factory in Everett, Washington. (See notice inside). **Gordon Thom** canvassed for bridge players to join the group. (See details in Newsletter or on website). The speaker, Mr. Robin Silvester, President and CEO of Port Metro Vancouver was then introduced by George Adams.

Mr. Silvester became chief executive officer of the port authority in 2009. Port Metro-

Vancouver is an amalgamation of three former port authorities and has jurisdiction over three diverse geographic areas; Burrard Inlet, the Fraser River and Robert's Bank. It is the largest port in Canada by a long measure and the fourth largest by tonnage in North America. The Vancouver Gateway borders on some sixteen municipalities. A few statistics follow: A land area of 2500 acres; 28 deep-sea marine terminals; two Cruise Ship facilities; serviced by three Class 1 railways; 102 million tons of cargo a year, broken down (387,000 automobiles; 68 metric tones of dry and liquid commodities; 15 metric tones of breakbulk; 2.2 million twenty-foot equivalent containers and 900,000 cruise ship passengers).

The port grows and evolves in response to the needs of Canada's population, the offshore demand for Canadian products, particularly commodities, and the current and projected state of the world economy. As an example, we are aware of metro Vancouver's projection of an additional one million people moving into the area by 2040 with increased economic activity and competition for land.

Consequently Port Metro Vancouver expects, following the contraction in 2008 and 2009, PMV cargo volumes to grow in 2010 through 2015, the cruise ship volume to grow plus greater volumes to and from Asia. Already the port is seeing volumes building with growth to pre2008 levels by 2011. Future growth requires infrastructure investment in rail, port and trucking operations by both the port and its users. The total investment for known future improvements is \$700 million as follows: \$307 million for Roberts Bank Rail Corridor Initiative; \$244 million for

North Shore Area Initiative and \$125 million for South Shore Area Initiative. These initiatives are chiefly aimed toward grade separation for rail, truck and community traffic. The Port is taking a leadership role in these projects by prefunding the projects.

The Port is actively pursuing environmental goals in its operations by: working with the trucking industry to reduce stand by container truck emissions; providing shore power for cruise ships; energy efficient handling equipment and “eco-trains” at major cargo terminals. Port Metro Vancouver has been awarded the Globe 2010 eco Freight award. It has further initiated a Blue Circle Award for eco-action in shipping for significant emissions reductions.

Mr Silvester concluded that the future of the Vancouver Gateway and the benefits that it can generate are based on: Community partnerships; Innovation to improve the Port’s performance in a sustainable way; an ability to identify and contribute to infrastructure investments and transportation initiatives, and continued cooperation with other stakeholders.

Mr. **John Robertson** thanked the speaker for his fine presentation.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Copies of the Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the year ended July 31st, 2010 will be available at the Member Services Desk at the October meeting. You will also be able to view them on the website

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Here we are at the start of a new year of programs and fellowship. Your incoming executive board regards the opportunity to serve the membership in a leader-

ship role as a special privilege and looks forward to an exciting year. We will continue to build on the substantial momentum now underway within our Club. During the past 12 months we have learned from a group of highly qualified speakers, attained a membership enrolment of 400, the second highest in Canada, participated in a diverse and always interesting set of special activities and further advanced into the high tech communications era with the launch of our web site. This progress is due to your strong commitment as participating members and the passionate desire of the leadership group to continue to raise the bar of service excellence. Please keep your ideas and assistance alive and well and clearly communicated to members of your management group. At our next meeting we will preview our envisioned challenges and program objectives for the coming year. See you in October.



Membership Services Team

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Hank Levelt

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Grant Hammond

Rotary Probus Bridge 2010-2011

The Rotary/Probus Bridge season will recommence this fall and new members are most welcome. The season will begin for all members at 7pm at Point Grey G & CC (date to be announced). Members then take turns hosting 2 tables on the first and third Wed. evening at their homes, in turn (about twice per year) until the spring when we reconvene again at Point Grey for our final evening. New members are most welcome. If interested please contact Jack Zaleski 604-261-7492 or Gordon Thom 604-739-0714

NOTICES



TOUR OF BOEING PLANT IN EVERETT WASHINGTON

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH
*Organized and planned by Don
Codville*

The Boeing Assembly Plant is the largest building in the world (over 13 million cubic meters) and produces the 747, 767, 777 and now the 787 (The Dreamliner). Join the tour and see the production of several of these airplanes.

Travel is by chartered bus leaving Vancouver at 9am and returning by approximately 5pm. The tour at the assembly plant involves a walk of about a quarter mile and climbing a flight of stairs.

Lunch will be at the adjacent Hilton Garden Inn before returning. The cost of the trip, which includes transportation, entrance fee to the plant and lunch, is \$90 per person. **This is an open event – you may bring your significant other. We have capacity for 56 individuals only. If you register and can't make the trip, you may cancel out by Friday November 5th. After this date, no cancellations are**

permitted unless we can replace you with someone on a waiting list.

The chartered bus will pick us up at Tisdale Park located on 49th avenue, between Ash and Heather (one block west of Cambie). Unrestricted parking is available on the north side of 49th avenue and on the west side of Ash. You can leave your car there until we return. The bus will be stationed at 49th and Ash. (Map available at member services desk).

ALL PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT TO BOARD THE BUS AND YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO HAVE PERSONAL OUT OF PROVINCE MEDICAL INSURANCE.

You may register in one of **three ways**: using Probus on-line website and Pay pal; at the activities desk at the next Probus meeting or by emailing Bill Robertson (robertsonwd@hotmail.com) and sending **cheque payable to Probus Club Vancouver** to Bill Robertson 3711 Puget Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6L 2T8 (604-269-0745). You are not considered registered until payment is received.

