



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2005

AUGUST 2005

Time: 9:30am

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

Speaker: Dr. Timothy Ball

Topic: What you haven't heard about climate change!

DR. TIMOTHY BALL



Extensive science background in climatology, especially the reconstruction of past climates and the impact of climate change on human history and

the human condition. One of the first Climatology Ph.D's in the world. Additional experience in the areas of water resources sustainable development, pollution prevention, environmental regulations, the impact of government policy on business and economics. Chair of Provincial Boards on water management, environmental issues, and sustainable development.

Extensive public speaking experience and presentations to professional societies, business conferences, public forums and a wide variety of public, private and non-profit organizations. Hundreds of public educational talks on science and the environment in the last 30 years.

Heavily involved throughout career in local and national committees related to

climate, water and river management, hazardous waste. A regular contributing writer for Country Guide, and researcher/author of numerous papers on climate, long range weather patterns, impacts on climate change on sustainable agriculture, ecosystems, historical climatology, air quality, untapped energy resources, silting and flooding problems, bird migration patterns, historical sites development. Research Fellow for the George Morris Centre. Book on environment, science, climate change and the fur trade in print at McGill Queens University Press.

Comprehensive involvement in education at all levels from kindergarten to seniors. Curriculum consulting and development. Non-credit courses for seniors on science, environment, sustainable development, water, geopolitics. Organizer and participant for in-service and professional development for teachers. Board member, Agriculture in the Classroom (BC).

Career History: 1996 - Environmental Consultant,
Public Speaker, Columnist

1988-1996 - Professor, University of Winnipeg

1984-1988 - Associate Professor, University of
Winnipeg

1877-1978 - Acting Dean of Students

1971-1982 - Instructor/Lecturer, University of Winnipeg

Education: B.A. (Honours) University of Winnipeg
M.A. University of Manitoba
Ph.D (Doctor of Science) University of
London, England

Minutes of the July 12th Meeting

Attendance: 124 including 2 guests

President Gordon called the meeting to order at 10am and asked **Nick Thornton** to introduce the three new members: **Bill Mitchell**, Pulp and Paper background; **Robin Leckie**, actuary and **Gordon Dunn**, Electrical Engineering. The new member recognition pins went missing once again. Old problems die hard! Nevertheless Gordon welcomed the new members, promised them their pins and called for the Committee Reports.

Treasurer, **Bill Manson**: In Bill's absence his report was basically unchanged... Silence!

Speaker Committee, **Fred Cotton**: Fred said that next month's speaker is Tim Ball. He talks about global warming, changing weather patterns and Kyoto. In September Earl Drake will speak on China.

Visits and Entertainment, **George Adams**: George being away, **Jack Farley** reminded us of the October 1st football night and said that the North Shore Club is invited. **Bev Machesney** encouraged all interested in the Bard on the Beach night to act immediately for assured space. **Roy Williams**, on **Don Farquhar's** behalf, asked those still wanting to visit Princess Louisa Inlet to complete the interest form, dates are either September 15th or 22nd. Details for all the above are in the July Newsletter. President Gordon extended the Tsawwassen Club's invitation for a golf get-together on September 22. Interested foursomes should contact the Tsawwassen Club.

Nominating Committee, **Tom McCusker**: President Gordon and Tom would provide details at the

August meeting.

Chris Lee then introduced our two guest speakers, Michael Kluckner and John Atkin, both specialists in BC heritage.

Michael started painting points of interest while vacationing in the interior and on Vancouver Island. Realizing his subjects were not likely to be around long, he organized a sketchbook. Encouraged by family he set-up a website presenting this sketchbook with brief descriptions and the surfer feedback took off! People responded with copious personal experiences and photos pertaining to the various sites. These inputs became the nucleus of his latest book, "Vanishing BC." During his endeavours Michael noted the extensive rural to urban migration and takes pleasure knowing his paintings have captured the labours of pioneers whose work so often was dwarfed by BC's vast and rugged landscape. To learn more, visit Michael's website at www.michaelkluckner.com.

John Atkin's heritage awareness started when the old Medical Dental Building was slated for demolition. Two books he has written are: "Strathcona: Vancouver's First Neighbourhood" and "Skytrain Explorer." He has co-authored two heritage books with Michael.

John pointed out that heritage is continually forwarded to the following generation as the lower mainland redevelops. Whether we agree or not, all phases must be preserved, not just the architecturally pleasing old classics. Using "Vancouver Specials" as an example, John explained that these were designed at a time when people wanted the maximum amount of house for a minimum amount of dollars. John points out that people are inquisitive as to how the architects fulfilled the requirements for these cost-effective, but not necessarily eye-pleasing houses.

Like Michael's, John's new book, "SkyTrain Explorer" developed without a plan. While sketching interesting front doors in areas around skytrain stations he noticed owners peeking from behind curtains. Dialog often followed and soon John had a very interesting history of the neighbourhood. This continued from one station to another, until eventually fascinating stories evolved for every Skytrain station from New Westminster to downtown Vancouver. More information is available on John's website, www.johnatkin.com.

During the question period we learned:

- The effect of heritage protection is hard to gauge; but demolition has unquestionably slowed.
- The Mary Hill concept of "paved paradise" bedroom communities is giving way to self-contained neighbourhoods.
- Both Vernon and Penticton are acting to avoid the type of development that Kelowna is experiencing.
- The Architectural Institute of BC is currently offering walking tours of Gastown, Strathcona and the Westend.

Dick Nelson thanked the speakers.

Bill Weatherall, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A good turnout of Probus members at our July meeting heard an interesting summer presentation by John Atkin and Michael Kluckner on their insights into our Vancouver and BC architectural heritage and on

how they became active and interested in this area. For many of us as Probus Members, John Atkin has been our guide on many of the wonderful walking tours we have enjoyed over the past year or two. It was Chris Lee who introduced us to these two very interesting historical activists who have done much not only to bring our city's past to life for us but also to help preserve some of its past for future generations. Thank you again Chris.

On behalf of all of us who enjoy our monthly meetings I would like to thank the many "foot soldiers" who serve us at every meeting. I refer to such people as George Plant and his band of cashiers who make us feel good about paying up our \$5.00 and to Membership Services Chairman Ted Daem and the different friendly greeters who work with him to welcome us as we arrive. As well there is Neil Smythe who for our pleasure stops to pick up the

timbits on the way to the meeting. At every meeting our name badges appear and other physical and coffee arrangements are in order thanks to Bill Kennedy and Doug Lambert, our House Committee Chairman. Thank you all for helping us just to come and enjoy ourselves.

Two years ago Norm Weitzel as Past President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee asked me if I would accept the nomination as Vice President with a commitment to become President the following September. This honour has given me the opportunity to enhance the satisfaction I receive through Probus and much of that is from getting to know many of you better. Tom McCusker, our current immediate Past President, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee is approaching members to serve as officers and on the Management Committee as Committee Chairs. I can only encourage members to become involved. The rewards are very gratifying.

Past President Norm Weitzel was born in Regina and went to Kelvin High in Winnipeg (where he was awarded top athlete) before going to get a BA from the United College. Norm became advertising executive with Southam Newspaper and served as Director of Advertising in Winnipeg, Edmonton and then Vancouver with the Sun and Province. Norm was active in his field which included a term as President of the Canadian Advertising Executives Association. Norm is married to Linda and they have two children and two grandchildren. Norm, a sports trivia buff, is interested in travel, rollerblading, cycling, cross-country skiing, gardening, investing and his grandsons.

I look forward to seeing many of you in August. Whether you are at home, at the cottage or vacationing at some exotic spot, enjoy your summer.

NOTICES

Member Services Desk: Ted Daem

Cash Desk: Lorne Bohlman, Bob Swannell

Greeters: Don Mann, Bud Boyd, Jack Herb

VISITS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The following events are planned for the balance of the year. Except for the Probus Football Night, dates are not fixed. The individual in charge is shown in brackets.

October 1st - Probus Football Night (Jack Farley)

October - Tour of Storyeum and lunch (D. Winram)

November - Tour of CBC. Archives (C. Lee)

December - Visit to Boeing Aviation Museum in Everett, Washington (Lloyd Doidge).

1st ANNUAL PROBUS GOLF INVITATIONAL

Date: 22 September 2005

Location: Tsawwassen Golf & Country Club,
1595 52nd St in Tsawwassen, 604-943-2288

Tee-offs: Commencing at 11:00 am

Format: Texas Scramble (best ball)

Cost: Golf, \$40.00 /golfer which includes green fees plus and designated prizes.

Social time: 4:00-5:30pm @ Kinsmen Centre (bar will be available)

Dinner: \$8.00/golfer, payable at the Kinsmen Centre, commencing @5:30pm

Non-golfers are invited for dinner and social.

Transportation: Shuttle service will be provided between Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal and Golf Course/Kinsmen Centre. Power & Pull cart rentals are available at the club. Kindly reserve if required..

Golf Prizes: All golfers are requested to bring a golf prize. (max. \$10.00.)

Registration: Kindly submit your reservation by email and mail in your \$40 registration fee prior to 19 August 2005 to: Harvey Manchuk, 401-1258 Hunter Road, Tsawwassen, V4L 1Y8

Contact: BCT @ 604-948-9681 or E-mail:
harveynfae@yahoo.com

PROBUS FOOTBALL NIGHT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2005

BC Lions vs Saskatchewan Roughriders

Members of our Club have already purchased 40% of the available spaces and we haven't heard from the North Shore Probus Club whose members have been invited to join us. *ACT TODAY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT by completing the enclosed Order Form.*

You can enjoy a football game from the President's Suite at BC Place Stadium. The game promises to be an outstanding matchup between two of the best teams in the Western Division of the CFL.

HERE IS THE SPECIAL PROGRAM:

5:30PM - Cash bar opens for the evening

6:15pm - Dinner served featuring delicious light snacks

7:10pm - kick -off

Price \$65.00 per person

For those who enjoyed this event last year, Jack Farley promises greatly improved food and beverage service!

Princess Louisa Inlet Tour

September 2005

Details for the proposed repeat of the above tour appear in the July Newsletter. If you are interested in this event, please complete the enclosed "Expression of Interest form."

ONE BOOK MISSING

Sincere thanks to club members for buying Michael Kluckner's and John Atkin's books after our July meeting.

One copy of Michael's "Vanishing British Columbia" is unaccounted for! Please contact Chris Lee (604) 926-1022 if you can help solve the mystery.

Registration
PROBUS FOOTBALL NIGHT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2005

NAME: _____

PHONE# _____

Please reserve _____ tickets for me at \$65.00 each

Enclosed is a cheque payable to Probus Club Vancouver. Mail to: Probus Club Vancouver, 252-2025 West 42nd Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2B5



Expression of Interest
PRINCESS LOUSIA TOUR - SEPTEMBER 15 OR 22

Name (S) _____

Phone # _____

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