



# NEWSLETTER

## PROBUS CLUB VANCOUVER

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday January 8th, 2008

Presidents' Luncheon

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Location:** Point Grey Golf and Country Club, 3350 S.W. Marine Drive. Vancouver

**Speaker:** Rob Holton

**Topic:** Vanoc Update

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 8** - Presidents' Luncheon, Point Grey Golf and Country Club

**JANUARY 27TH** - VSO Concert and Brunch

**FEBRUARY 14th** - Valentine's Day Luncheon, Royal Vancouver Yacht Club

## ROB HOLTON



Ron Holton was born in Saskatchewan and received a BA Honours degree in Economics from the University of Saskatchewan and an MBA degree in Transportation from the University of British Columbia.

He worked for British Columbia Railway following graduation from UBC, but spent most of his career with Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor); a large integrated forest products company

headquartered in Vancouver. At Canfor, he held several senior management positions in pulp and paper marketing, and finally in risk management.

He joined the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) in March 2006 as Vice President, Risk Management & Assurance Services.



## Minutes of the December 11th Meeting

Attendance: 166 including guests

President **Ted Daem** greeted members at 10:00 am. Treasurer **Bill Manson** reported the club has twenty thousand dollars in the bank. **Pidge McBride** reported that the January lunch is set to go, expecting about 130 people. **Dean Winram** announced a VSO afternoon brunch (at noon) and concert (from 2-4 pm) for January 27, 2008, and sought some indication of member interest (see notice in Newsletter). **Lloyd Doidge** spoke of the tour of Coal Harbour, arranged by **George Adams**. President **Ted Daem** affirmed that the events and speakers committees provide the life blood of the club.

**Jack Herb** introduced the speaker, Don Krogseth, well known Director and currently member of the Advisory Board of the Nature Trust of British Columbia. Mr Krogseth provided a full colour audio visual presentation on the work of the Trust. Attending members were also offered a beautifully illustrated book with explanatory text on the conservation holdings of the Trust. Mr. Krogseth gave a presentation of overwhelming cumulative force demonstrating the need for the work of the Trust. BC is unique in Canada for its concentration of varied ecosystems which require conservation. He said the Trust has never been confrontational but has always cooperated with interested parties in partnerships and through accommodation. Mr. Krogseth then turned to the what, why and how of the work of the Trust.

### What?

The Nature Trust of British Columbia was established as a non-profit land conservation organization in 1971 with a \$4.5 million grant from the federal government under Pierre Trudeau to honour British Columbia's centennial. Major General Bert Hoffmeister, a retired forestry

executive and conservationist was the first chairman and continued for twenty years. The Trust has worked with such other directors as Roderick Haig-Brown, Bert Brink, "Ted" Wilkinson, and renowned UBC scientists. Since its original formation it has invested \$65 million along with its partners to acquire 450 pieces of property, amounting to 61,000 hectares (150,000 acres), valued today at \$600 million. Run like a business with a board of prominent scientists the Nature Trust today is a conservation leader in BC.

### Why?

British Columbia is the most biologically diverse province in Canada. It has fourteen distinct and often high-risk ecological zones. 70% of all plants and wildlife in Canada are found in BC. The province's ecosystems provide habitat to more than 700 endangered or vulnerable plants and animals. Functioning beautiful ecosystems provide economic, social, health and spiritual benefits. Yet the most at risk areas and protected areas do not necessarily match. Primary threats are growth of population and development (in some cases, also exploration). Yet purchasing and managing threatened private lands are very costly.

### How?

The procedure begins with a scientific evaluation of the numbers of species involved, their rarity, and the loss to BC if the property is not bought. The need is urgent because habitats with high bio-diversity values are presently at greatest risk of being lost. The Trust focuses on critical habitats: coastal estuaries, river corridors, intermountain grasslands and wildlife migration corridors in the South Okanagan and East Kootenay.

Acquisitions are made through donation, purchase or covenants. The Trust seeks partners. These can be individual donors, foundations and corporations, conservation organizations, non-federal government, First Nations, and local stewardship groups

Mr. Krogseth then provided an illustrated review of selected holdings: Robson Bight on the east coast of Vancouver Island, south of Port Hardy; Englishman River, just before Parksville, (this acquisition involved four levels of government, donations from Timberwest and Weyerhaeuser, other corporations and conservation groups); MacMillan Park (Cathedral Grove); Burgoyne Bay on Salt Spring; South Arm Marsh (more than 80% of bird population use estuaries); Fraser River Delta (the largest bird habitat in North America, the largest salmon run in the world; gravel extraction is its greatest risk but can be accommodated); Antelope Brush Habitat (the most endangered areas in Canada); Adams River (most valuable holding in BC, home to the largest sockeye salmon run in BC); Hoodoes---10,000 acres, the largest land holding. Premier Gordon Campbell gave the 1.8 million needed to complete this 3.5 million acquisition—a whole eco-system, with a huge range of wildlife.

**Stewardship:**

The properties require management, both restoration and improvement. The Trust hires Conservation Youth Crews to remove invasive weeds and restore wetlands and grasslands, among other conservation activities.

**Plans for 2007-2008:**

The Trust has five million dollars committed, the challenge to get additional funding, and a full pipeline of prospective properties: Heart of the Fraser (II), Stamp and Somas River on Vancouver Island; Okanagan River; Wigwam Flats, Baseline Inventory.

Mr. Krogseth concluded affirming that the Trust is the oldest and largest conservation organization in British Columbia, characterized by its strong science, its focus, its effective organization and

proven success. Its task and vision are to preserve BC's natural beauty, its unique habitat for trumpeter swans, mountain goats, grizzlies, and salmon--plants, insects, birds, and mammals living interdependently.

In responding to questions Mr. Krogseth acknowledged that native land claims may affect holdings. There may not be clear signs designating preserved properties, other than prohibition of vehicles. The Trust does not work with local municipalities to change by-laws to preserve habitat but to acquire properties and funding. David Stowe thanked the speaker. President Ted Daem observed that a Bird Sanctuary excursion was planned for April.

Lindsay Mann, Secretary

## PRESIDENTIAL FORUM



2007 was another great year for our club. The life blood (guest speakers, and events) was well presented and topical. A big thank-you to all who made this possible as well as the attendees for making the speakers welcome.

Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy New Year to you and your family. See you at the Presidents' Luncheon January 8, 2008.

Ted Daem

## NOTICES

### **VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14TH, 2008**

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club  
3811 Point Grey Golf Road, Vancouver



As outlined in the last newsletter, we have made arrangements to celebrate the PROBUS

"2008" VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. They are well known for their outstanding buffets and the view we will enjoy is superlative.

Arrival time is 11:30 for luncheon at 12:00. There is limited parking in the Club's outdoor parking area as well as in the surrounding neighbourhood. (The RVYC underground parking lot is for members only.)

Upon your arrival you will be welcomed with a champagne cocktail. In addition, the Club has a cash bar - wine \$25.00 per bottle and \$2.00 for soft drinks. Lunch will be served at noon. The seating arrangements will be 10 persons per table. Dress is business casual.

The price per person is \$45.00. Please register in advance on the attached form. There will be no refunds after February 7th. Please note that wives whose husbands were PROBUS members that have passed away in the last year are invited to attend as special guests of PROBUS.

**Member Services Desk:** Tremayne Perry

**Cash Desk:** Terry Heenan, Ed Legg and Alasdair Gordon

**Greeters:** Gerard Farry, Mel Dennis, Glen Miller

### **Lost & Found**

A red scarf was left during lunch at the Aerospace Technology Campus tour Nov. 23rd. To claim call Gordon Thom 604-739-0714

January 8th \*\*  
February 12  
March 11  
April 8th

Tuesdays at 9:30AM

May 13th	September 9th
June 10th	October 14th
July 8th	November 11th
August 12th	December 9th

\*\*January meeting is at Point Grey Golf and Country Club

## **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Concert and Brunch**

Sunday January 27, 2008

11:30am - 4pm

Meet at the Law Courts Inn Restaurant (4th Floor 800 Smithe St.) at about 11:30am. Brunch will be served at noon sharp. Our speaker will be Jeanette Jonquil, principal clarinetist who will speak about her career and her instrument. We will then walk about 2 blocks to the Orpheum Theatre for the 2:00pm VSO concert featuring Mozart's Piano Concerto No.21, Haydn's Symphony No. 86 and Ravel's La Valse and Valse nobles. The concert finishes at 4:00pm. All this for \$50.00 per person. We are seated in Section A at the Orpheum.

See attached form in Newsletter to sign up.

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### **Next meeting is at the Point Grey Golf and Country Club Tuesday January 8th, 2008 Presidents' Luncheon**

The presidents' Luncheon is always held in January as part of our regular meeting. The cost is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for guests. Please bring cash or cheques to the meeting. Coffee will be available as usual at 9:30am but the meeting will not get underway until 10:30am.

If you have **not** already signed up and wish to attend, please phone the Probus office at 604-261-6818. Space is limited and tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

This is our eleventh anniversary and we will be honouring the Presidents who have led us so successfully over this period.

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR VSO CONCERT AND  
BRUNCH SUNDAY JANUARY 27, 2008**

**11:30AM - 4:00PM**

Meet at 11:30am at the Law Courts Inn Restaurant located on the 4th floor of the Supreme Court Building at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver.

Lunch will Be served at Noon Sharp.

VSO concert starts at 2:00pm at Orpheum (2 blocks away)

Cost: \$50.00 per person.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$50.00 each total \_\_\_\_\_

Hand in completed form to Membership Services Desk at Presidents'

Luncheon on January 8th, or mail in to Probus Office at #252-2025 West 42nd Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6M 2B5 to arrive no later than January 10th, 2008.

*Tickets to be picked up at the luncheon venue on January 27th the day of the concert.*