



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th

Time: 9:30 am

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

Speaker: Taylor Owen, Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Global Affairs at the Graduate School of Journalism and the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia and the Research Director of the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at the Columbia School of Journalism.

Topic: Disruptive Power: The Crisis of the State in the Digital Age

July 14th Speaker—Dr. John Nightingale, The Vancouver Aquarium

Taylor Owen



Taylor Owen is Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Global Affairs at the Graduate School of Journalism and the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British

Columbia and the Research Director of the Tow Center for Digital Journalism at the Columbia School of Journalism. He is the Founding Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian International Council's international affairs platform OpenCanada.org, the Director of the International Relations and Digital Technology Project, an international research project exploring the intersection of information technology and international affairs, and the Research Director of the Munk Debates. His Doctorate is from the University of Oxford where he was a Trudeau Scholar.

He was previously a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of British Columbia, a Fellow in the Genocide Studies Program at Yale University, a Research Fellow at the Center for Global Governance at the London School of Economics and a Researcher at the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo. His research and

writing focuses on the intersection between information technology and international affairs.

WESTERN CANADA RENDEZVOUS SEPTEMBER 15, 16 and 17, 2015

Next September three of our British Columbia Probuss clubs are organizing and hosting a reunion of Probuss clubs in Western Canada. As the largest Probuss club in this region we'd like to have a large and lively group at the Shuswap – Salmon Arm – Copper Island organized reunion!

We urge you to consider attending!

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR A SPECIAL MAILING—COMING TO YOUR INBOX SOON!

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES TEAM

Greeters—TBA

Cashiers—TBA

Welcome New Members

John Hodgins—Currency Trader

Martin Petric—Microbiologist

Stuart Clyne—Lawyer

Jim Rogers—Financial Advisor

Report of the May 12th Meeting

Attendance: 167 Members and Guests

Dick Bradshaw introduced our guest speaker, **Brian Riddell**, who has been the CEO of the Pacific Salmon Foundation for the last six years, and has, himself, been involved with salmon, one way or another, for **41 years**. His specialty is Genetics, and on arriving in BC he started the genetics department of the Pacific Biological Station. What most impressed him in BC was the amazing adaptability of all west coast salmon, and that includes steelhead and cutthroat trout, both of which are really salmon. Incidentally the annual value of the Wild Pacific Salmon industry to BC is roughly 1.5 billion dollars. It is a valuable resource which we seem to take for granted, at our peril. We must preserve the habitat for all salmon - the spawning areas, the streams and rivers, and the coastal areas. **This is our wake up call - we could lose it if we neglect it.** The Pacific Salmon Foundation (a registered charity set up in 1979) has set this as their main task - making us aware of the importance of salmon, and the risk of losing it. Their motto is "Bring them back, stream by stream." There are now 345 organizations doing just that - cleaning up and restoring streams throughout the province. The foundation has given over \$4 million to these various groups to help with the restoration. For each dollar provided, the local groups have provided an average of six dollars of their own! The foundation is strictly non-partisan and consists of only 12 people. Administration costs are kept below 10%.

One could encapsulate Brian Riddell's lecture as a profound wake-up call for all of us - in fact, **two wake up calls**. The first call is about our Pacific Salmon, and second call, Climate Change.

He touched briefly on "Wild Atlantic Salmon" which was his first study - these were abundant from the Arctic, down the east coast of Canada and USA, and across to Europe, and are now only found in the waters of Scandinavia and Russia. Who is at fault for the decline - people!

The term **Salish Sea** was mentioned several times but may be new to some of us. It refers to Juan de Fuca Strait, Puget Sound, and Georgia Strait north from Victoria to about Quadra Island. The Salish Sea Marine Survival Project is the main subject being addressed by the foundation. One of the many points he raised is the importance of Pink Salmon which is still very abundant and which we should enjoy as an excellent food source. (He suggested there may be as many as 300 million pink salmon in the Pacific each year, a huge resource which is under-utilized.)

Aside from the several species of Pacific Salmon there are also very many groups or populations - Fraser River Sockeye would

be an example of one distinct group. Studying these groups is extremely complex but technology is helping. Some of the device systems used today are very high tech - they can now tag large numbers of fish with a variety of signalling devices. This makes it possible to improve our knowledge of where the fish go and where their food source is located. They are now even tagging some seals to learn more about their habits and what prey they are taking. For example they can do DNA tests on seal scat and figure out from which groups they are catching their prey. If food is in short supply in Georgia Strait, the Coho in particular will go outside the Strait to the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and they can now "follow" them with this technology. Chinook and Coho were the major sport fishing target in times past and the foundation hopes to restore this within Georgia Strait. Of the Coho spawned, 85% are actually caught and only 15% get back to spawn. In 1998 the Coho fishery was shut down to allow a revival. Some blamed the seals, and indeed their population has increased from 7,000 to about 45,000 in the Strait. But clearly there are other factors at work including over-fishing.

The foundation gets support from up to 47 other organizations and it also works closely with groups and governments on the US West Coast. Part of the research depends on about 10 small ships in Georgia Strait, each ship equipped to sample the ocean and relay the results directly to the University of Victoria for analysis. There is excellent cooperation between the various parties with an interest in salmon.

In summary, Riddell is worried about the increase in human population around Georgia Strait, the plastic pollution in the ocean, various developments along the coast, climate change and fresh water shortages (the snow pack in this region is 15% below average and going down each year). And of course, WE are the problem and we are so reluctant to change our way of living. Climate change, in other words warming of the earth including the oceans, will have profound effects on salmon as well as many other living organisms. Among other worries is the possibility of the Petronas LNG industrial complex being located on Lelu Island near Prince Rupert - in his opinion a most terrible choice of location for such an industry. All these are complex problems. We should use Independent Expert Panels to make decisions on these much more than we do.

For a fuller version of the above, including questions and answers, please go to our Probus website at www.probusvancouver.com, click on "Speakers" then on "Brian Riddell"

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Judging by the response to Hugh Lindsay's question at our last meeting, most of you have used the Probus Vancouver website.

For those of you who have not, it's as easy as directing your browser to

www.probusvancouver.com

The website will connect you to as much detail as you want about our Club, whether past, present or future. Past speakers, Newsletters, Membership Application Forms: they're all there. There's even a complete list of members, their addresses, postal codes, telephone numbers and email addresses. This information is password protected, but the password is available to any member who identifies himself to a member of your executive.

We are working hard to make your website even better and easier to navigate. If any of you are interested in helping with this work, our website Chair would like to hear from you: Hugh Lindsay, hughl@telus.net or 604 732 0366.

Website Tips

Read all about it

At every Probus meeting, John Gunn, our recording secretary, takes detailed notes of the speaker's presentation, which are edited for length and included in the next newsletter. If you would like to read John's full versions, which include the question and answer session—you can find them on the Probus Vancouver website <http://probusvancouver.com>. Just click on the "Speakers" tab at the top of the website home page and select the speaker that interests you. We started providing the detailed notes on December 1, 2014 and plan to continue.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to phone Hugh Lindsay, Chair of the Website committee at 604 732-0366.



ROTARIANS' INVESTMENT CLUB



A most interesting program of the club will take place on Thursday May 28th at the RVYC at 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm (sharp !) meeting.

"Corporate vs Personal Trustees"
Pros and Cons for Wills and Trust

Presented by Kirsten Jenkins, LLB
Counsel at Bull, Houser & Tupper LLP
and
Richard Crosson CA, CBV
Partner of CrossonVoyer LLP, owners of Crosson-Voyer Trust Company Limited.

Members of Probus are invited to attend the meeting which provides a 3 course superb dinner with wine, coffee and gratuities, all for \$60.00! We also have an interesting program discussing stocks we have chosen to be presented by members (from last month's meeting) These are "Patient Home Marketing (PHM-TSX) and "Canexus (CUS-TSX). Watchdogs will also report on our current portfolio. The meetings usually close around 9.30 pm.

Please call or email President Phil Webber
604-263-9247 or philwebber@shaw.ca if you would like to attend.

RVYC requires us to pre-order the number of meals we anticipate.

John Sullivan, Membership Chair, RIC.
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COME FOR LUNCH!

After the meeting enjoy the conversation and fellowship
at a
"No Host Lunch"
at the
"Local Public Eatery"
2210 Cornwall Avenue

UPCOMING EVENTS

VANCOUVER CANADIANS BASEBALL GAME

"An Afternoon at Nat Bailey Stadium"

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2015

OPEN TO MEMBERS, GUESTS AND FAMILIES

We have booked 60 seats in the brand new facility called The Porch. Located just beyond the left field fence, The Porch is a new covered section at Scotiabank Field, designed for groups who are looking for a fun, laid-back area to enjoy a C's ball game.

The total cost for the game, luxurious seating and an all-you-can-eat buffet is only \$50.00 per person.

We are almost fully booked now, so register at the next Probus meeting or mail the Registration Form and Payment to Doug Graham at 2068 West 35th Avenue, V6M 1H9. Alternatively, you can email Doug at dougraham@telus.net and then mail your cheque to him.

9:30 am: Box Office opens

12 noon: Gates open and buffet lunch commences

1:05 pm: PLAY BALL!!

Car pooling is suggested

For directions to the ballpark, go to www.canadiansbaseball.com, click on "CLUB INFORMATION" and go to "Directions to Scotiabank Field". The Stadium is fairly close to the West King Edward/Cambie St. station on the Canada Line. From there it is about an 11 block walk.

SEA TO SKY GONDOLA

"Adventure by Nature"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND ONE GUEST

Take part in a unique, exciting adventure just south of Squamish. We will all gather in the parking lot at the base of the Gondola. After assembling there, we will board 6 person gondolas for a 10 minute ride to the Summit Lodge. There are spectacular views from the lodge and its viewing platforms. Everyone can follow easy-to-negotiate hiking trails to explore the fauna and the wildlife. There is even a suspension bridge. Several lookouts on the trail provide sweeping views of the Howe Sound fjord, luscious coastal forests and mountains.

After an hour and a half exploring on our own, we will gather again at the Summit Lodge to enjoy a catered lunch and listen to a presentation by Trevor Dunn, the co-founder and General Manager. Members can then return to Base Camp whenever they want - last ride down at 6 pm.

We have arranged a special price of \$55 per person for the Gondola Ride, a Catered Lunch and a Lecture.

10:30—11 am

Arrive at Base Camp

11—11:30 am

Gondola Ride to the Summit

11:30—1 pm

Gather at the summit and break off into walking trails

1—2:30 pm

Lunch and Lecture

Please register at the Probus meeting on June 9th, July 14th or August 10th. **OR** mail the Registration Form and Payment to Doug Blackman at 3844 West 15th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6R 2Z9.

Registration Form

1. Make checks payable to the **Probus Club of Vancouver**.
2. Remember - you will not be registered until payment is received.

I plan to attend: Baseball |____| Sea to Sky |____|

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Number of Attendees _____ Adults _____ Children _____

Check enclosed for _____ (please put which event in the MEMO line)