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Next Meeting
Tuesday June 19, 2007

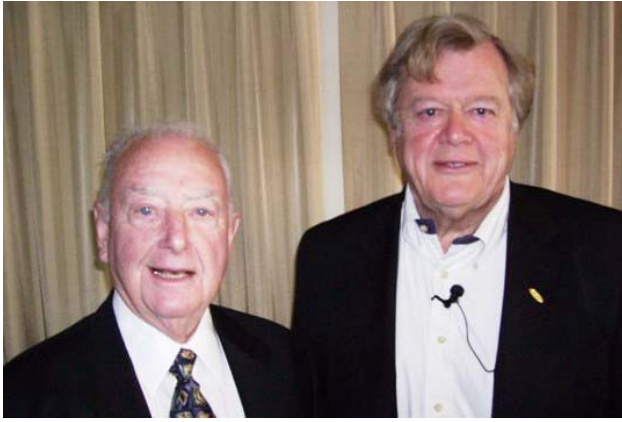
DON KROGSETH
Past Chair
The Nature Trust of BC
35 Years of Conservation

West Vancouver resident, Don Krogseth, is an avid outdoorsman and accomplished fly fisherman. He is a member and past Director of the Pennask Lake Fish and Game Club. Don's success in the investment and financial services sectors includes leadership positions with Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd. and Dixon, Krogseth Investment Counsel. He is a past Director of Pembina Pipeline Corporation (Calgary, AB). His commitment to the community has included directorships with the Vancouver Oral Centre for Deaf Children and the Alzheimer Foundation of British Columbia. Recently retired as director of The Nature Trust of BC, Don served ten years including the position of chair. He is a founding member of the newly established Nature Trust Advisory Board. Don is a charter member of the Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver.

Land management is the true measure of our success as stewards of BC's natural legacy. A basic premise of The Nature Trust's acquisition and management of over 61,000 ha (150,000 acres) of sensitive habitat lands involving over 229 properties has been that, over time, these sites will receive the management and maintenance necessary to ensure that the long-term ecological and habitat values for which they were acquired is achieved.

Next Month – Tuesday July 17
CHIEF JAMIE GRAHAM
Vancouver Police Department

LAST MONTH'S SPEAKER



Ernie McGuire introduced Speaker Nick Geer

Mr. Geer outlined the business structure, operation, success and challenges of NAV Canada and its mission of safety in Canada's skies.

NAV Canada developed out of concerns about the high cost and quality of the operation of our civil air navigation service by Transport Canada. It was privatized ten years ago and is managed by a 15-member board comprised of its stakeholders: the airlines, the Federal Government and the Union, with Mr. Geer as their chairman.

The product is safety with income derived from airline customers who are charged for the services provided, including landing rights and terminal use. During the 10-year period of its existence, the annual cost of operation has been reduced from \$200 M in 1996 to the current and set target of \$50 M.

NAV has changed the numbers of towers and their locations, now operating out of seven centres and 42 towers throughout Canada. Russia has the largest operation of this kind with NAV Canada close behind. Operating in the harsh climate of our north is more difficult than in Russia.

The management of flights across our country and one half of the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans is a challenging responsibility. NAV's safety record is excellent with no navigation accidents. English is the language of the airwaves and must be used exclusively to eliminate any possibility of misunderstanding communications.

Technological advancements in this industry are their biggest efficiency and growth helper.

The need to control times of departure, runways, flight paths and aircraft spacing on all arrivals and departures is being enhanced through NAV's development of a unique CAT software system which is in place in Canada and NAV expects to earn sizable revenues through licensing agreements with other countries. Radar is being replaced in certain areas. The CAT and a newer ADS-B program development, incorporating GPS technology will enhance the ability to pinpoint aircraft more accurately and contribute to the goal of "Safety in the Skies".

There was an active Q & A period and many members met with Mr. Geer afterwards.

E. Maguire



Our greeters were Keith Pople and Dan Potts

20th Anniversary Celebration

The Probus Club of White Rock South Surrey will celebrate 20 years of service with a dinner on Wed. Sept. 12, 2007 at the Eaglequest Coyote Creek Golf Club.

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**JOHN LEONARD NEW NATIONAL PROBUS
DIRECTOR**



John Leonard

John Leonard has been elected the new Director on the Probus Centre-Canada National Board, representing B.C. District #2. He replaces Pidge McBride who retired after serving 6 years.

The National Board has 12 Directors, Atlantic (1), Ontario (6), Manitoba/Sask./Alberta (2), B.C. has 3 districts, each with a Director (3). District #1 covers the entire province north of Hope, and has 3 clubs. District #2 includes all of the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley, with 10 clubs. District #3 encompasses the Islands, with 20 clubs.

In his new position John will be assisting each of the 10 District #2 clubs to build on their current programs, based on successful activities developed by other clubs. He will also encourage communication between the clubs. Several areas in the District have the potential for new Probus Clubs and this will be the number one priority.

John was our club's Charter President, 2003-04. His term as a National Probus Director will run three years, with an option for another three years.

For more information on Probus Canada visit the website at: <http://www.probus.org/canada.htm>



MEMBER BIOGRAPHY



Gerry Leonard

Gerry was born in 1940, on Bell Island, also called Wabana, which is about as far East as you can go in Newfoundland. As Gerry says, "We see the sun an hour earlier than any other part of Canada. That is, of course, if it's not foggy".

He is part of a very large family, 7 girls and 6 boys. Maybe that has something to do with the fact that Bell Island is located in Conception Bay.

Gerry went to school in St. John's, first at St. John's High School and later at St. Patrick's Hall High School. He got his B.A. and B. Comm. at Memorial University of Newfoundland and then went on to get his CA. He worked in St. John's until he moved to Toronto in 1965. Ten years later he moved to Saskatchewan and then moved to Vancouver in 1981.

While he still does some accounting Gerry has plenty to keep him busy. He and his wife Trudy (they were married in 2000) share a 38' sailboat with 5 other families. They love to travel and are heading this summer to Greece, then a cruise to Turkey and Egypt. He loves to golf (belongs to Squamish G and CC), enjoys fishing (with the Lion's Gate Anglers Club) and enjoys the game of bridge.

He and Trudy have a townhouse in Tucson, Arizona, and spend several months each winter down in the sun.



President's Report

Gentlemen:

As you may be aware, last month John Leonard (your newly elected Director of the Western Regional District of Probud Canada), and I, attended the annual Regional District Conference in Salmon Arm, B.C.

The Probud Club of Shuswap hosted approximately 120 delegates from the Western Provinces where they had the opportunity to informally discuss common issues and opportunities in small group sessions; enjoy outstanding hospitality and fellowship; and see some of the local attractions that abound in the beautiful Shuswap area. At the end of the two-day meeting it was very apparent that Probud, nationally, regionally, and locally, was vibrant, healthy, and growing. It appears the same can be said for our club.

From a start on Sept. 16, 2003 with 154 charter members we are, today, in excess of 300 members and growing. In only 3 ½ years! A sociologist would have a field day with this statistic.

The important thing now however, is to make sure our club stays alert to the dynamics of our own community and our own members and responds to our ever-changing environment. It became very apparent to John and me at the regional conference that the various individual clubs were all different in nature. What might be a great activity for one would not necessarily be good for another.

It was primarily for this reason that your Executive committee recently conducted a Membership Survey to update our understanding of what you, our own members, saw to be the club priorities. We are now acting on the input you gave us and I would like to assure you that we are implementing actions that will give you the kind of club you want.

Having said all of the foregoing it seems to us on the executive the cornerstones of the success of our club today are:

- interesting/stimulating speakers
- a non-demanding Club
- inexpensive
- a relaxed/informal environment
- interesting/enjoyable special events

Are we right? Have we missed anything?

Brian Cooper -- President

MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Year Round
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