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Speaker – June 9 Martin Cronin

British Consul General to Western Canada.
*“The Challenge of International Terrorism and The
Western Response”*

Mr. Cronin has acted as the British Consul General to Western Canada since 2005. Martin was awarded that appointment following 17 years in the British Diplomatic Service with senior postings in many of the current very volatile countries in the Middle East, particularly Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Iran as well as having responsibilities related to Serbia and Montenegro during the Bosnia war.

Martin’s responsibilities during his Middle East included a variety of duties related to sanctions enforcement, counter terrorism policy, external relations and the national politics of the countries involved.

Prior to joining the British Diplomatic Service, Martin attended Leeds University where he graduated in 1987 with a BA (Hons) History, Politics and Economics.

Mr. Cronin will provide us with his insights into the conflicts in that part of the world and into the background of the various religious and political forces at work.

Next Month Speaker – July 14

Original scheduled speaker unavoidably cancelled

New speaker to be announced when confirmed

Bard on the Beach Event - Update

(See original announcement in May Shorelines)

Monday August 25: *“Opera and Arias” Concert* - a few spaces available

Call Malcolm Nicholson: 604-822-2628 for information and reservations.

Last Month Speakers



**Art Eberwein with Taleeb Noormohamed
Pamela Goldsmith-Jones and Doug Smith**

Our three speakers shared with us some aspects of the 2010 Olympics and Para-Olympics planning.

Taleeb Noormohamed, VANOC director, used a short video to highlight the planned athletic and cultural events. He compared the challenge of these Olympics games as equivalent to hosting three Super-bowls each day for 17 days. 3.2B people around the world will view these games and see Canada.

VANOC emphasizes that these are Canada's games not BC's or Vancouver's or Whistler's. The provinces and territories are contributing funding with \$25M committed. \$1.63B committed by Corporate Canada and private donors will fund operations and tax dollars will pay for the permanent facilities.

All facilities will be ready for use by Canadian athletes starting this summer giving them 1.5 years to train in their own venues and hopefully helping to place many Canadian athletes on the medals podium.

The Olympic torch relay will take 100 days and cover 35,000 km, and the Canada leg will travel within one-hour of 90% of Canadians. 25,000 Olympics volunteers are needed, providing opportunities for many of us to participate, such as a host/ambassador.

West Vancouver *Mayor Goldsmith-Jones* described West Van's "Venue City" status recognition from VANOC that allows it to use the Olympic rings in various ways. West Van will receive \$2M to assist in its programs. West Van council has approved a 10 point program commitment to the Olympics, including \$1.3M for the construction of a town square, a "Gateway" to the City with improved traffic entrances, a winter festival, and to manage its construction of the Spirit Trail.. A "Spirit Center" at the Community Center will be West Van's local "live site" where people can gather to watch the games "live".

West Van is looking for volunteer goodwill ambassadors to help it be a great host and to assist in the management of this tremendous tourism impact. The legacies for West Van will be the acrobatic ski and snowboard facilities at Cyprus Mountain and the Sea to Sky Highway.

Doug Smith spoke to us as Chair of the Spirit of BC North Shore, one of 100 such community committees across the province. The five North Shore communities have been involved in planning for the past 1.5 years, their objectives being to identify and maximize economic and social benefits from the Olympics for the North Shore and Bowen Island. \$1B is expected be spent in BC by tourists so Spirit BC North Shore is focusing on enabling local businesses to maximize their share of those tourist dollars by developing a cadre of volunteer ambassadors to produce a world class hospitality experience on the North Shore. Another important objective of Spirit of BC North Shore is to expose our arts and culture to the world.

A start has been made on the construction of the North Shore Spirit Trail as a continuous, multi-use, low level trail, accessible to all and stretching from Deep Cove to Horseshoe Bay. Existing upper level trails, such as Baden Powell, will be connected and improved. Railroads and First Nations Communities are cooperating to provide access to their right-of-ways and lands to aid in this development.

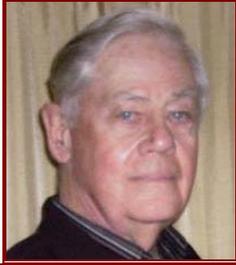
The West Van seawall will not be part of the Spirit Trail that will travel through Ambleside Park and north of Park Royal meandering through West Vancouver. Completion of the Trail may take up to 5 years but it is already a work- in-progress.

May greeters



**Magnus Ericson, Bob O'Brien, Roger Wiewel
and John Johansson**

Member biographies



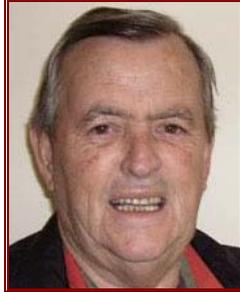
Jack Mellor: *(New member April 2008)* Jack was born in Vancouver, attending school at Tecumseh Elementary and John Oliver High. Jack retired in 1993 after 33 years with the Vancouver printer Mitchell Press, 25 of those years as sales manager.

He and wife Wanda, a former journalist, have been married for more than 50 years. In his spare time, Jack enjoys biking, walking and golf, and generally keeping fit. In addition, he enjoys travelling to Europe and to the UK (6 bike tours and 3 riverboat cruises), and throughout the USA, Australia and Eastern Canada..

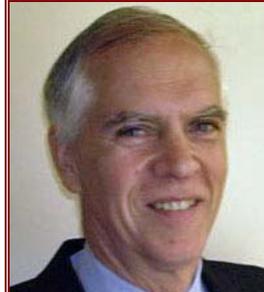
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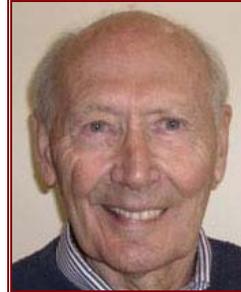
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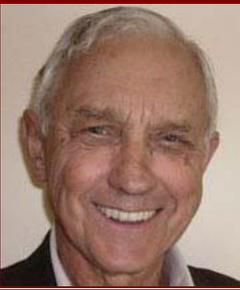
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Instructor



Gordon Davis
Petroleum



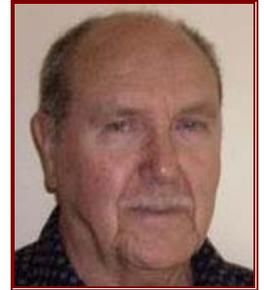
John Graham
Seafood



Clair Kuntz
Labour Relations



David Philip
Engineer



Dave Sparks
Photography



Gordon Thomson
Engineering



Don Warner
Physician

Tour of Howe Sound Pulp and Paper Mill at Port Mellon – Friday May 2

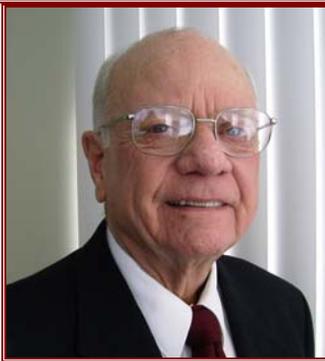


Members at Port Mellon Dock



Large freighter loading pulp – takes three days

Twenty Members enjoyed a most interesting visit to the mill which is BC's longest surviving pulp and paper mill and one of the finest and most efficient newsprint and kraft producers in the world and highly acclaimed for its product excellence and ecological stewardship.



President's Report

The weatherman has recently given us a taste of what summer might be like, and surely we can now expect that it is almost upon us. I hope the change in timing of our meetings will not conflict with your travel plans for the coming months, and that you will be able to attend to enjoy the speakers we have lined up for you.

Our May 12 meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club was attended by some 150 members and guests. This was the first time we booked a panel of three speakers for one meeting; however, from your comments, we believe the program was well received, and it was evident that our speakers have an excellent working relationship. We will look forward to seeing the plans they espoused come to fruition.

Our new venue appears to work well for our purposes, although there are a few bugs to work out. We certainly will better manage the air conditioning system next time - it did become a wee bit frigid, didn't it! Also, we have arranged for a golf cart shuttle to operate from the lower parking lot during the arrival time, probably from 9:15 to 9:45. We hope these arrangements will add to your enjoyment of future meetings, and, we will continue to welcome your suggestions for further improvement.

For those of you who missed the May meeting, we announced that we will no longer be able to collect and store your name badges after each meeting. We now ask you to take them home with you, and to please bring them with you to every meeting. However, we will continue to display unclaimed badges at the greeting table until they are picked up.

Our membership has grown to over 300, so of necessity, new applications for membership will be wait-listed until we can assess our attendance experience and Capilano's capacity to accommodate us. Membership openings can be expected after our August 31 year end and our 2008/09 membership renewal process in September, if not sooner.

I regret that I will not be with you on June 9th to enjoy our guest speaker, Martin Cronin, British Consul General for Western Canada. His talk on the challenges we face from international terrorism will be of great interest to all of us, and I am sorry to have to miss it.

I thank you again for your patience and understanding with our move to Capilano Golf and Country Club, and I look forward to being with you at the July 14th meeting. Again, please remember to bring your name badges with you.

Art Eberwein

MEETINGS

Second Monday of every month: 9:30 am -11:30 am

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