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Next Meeting

Monday, April 11th, 2011

with speaker

Pierre Gratton,

President and CEO, Mining Association of British Columbia
“Mining Industry in BC - Current and Future”

Pierre Gratton is President and CEO of the Mining Association of British Columbia (MABC). The MABC is the predominant voice of mining in British Columbia representing mineral producers, coal producers and companies involved in exploration, development and smelting of minerals within the province. MABC promotes the interests of its members provincially and nationally, and works with governments and other stakeholders on policies affecting mining, to inform the public, and to promote cooperation between member firms to solve common problems.

From 1999 to 2008, Mr. Gratton served as Vice President, Sustainable Development and Public Affairs for The Mining Association of Canada (MAC). Previously, he served as Director of Communications for the federal Minister of Natural Resources and Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

In 2005/2006, Mr. Gratton was honoured as a Distinguished Lecturer for the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM).

Mr. Gratton holds an M.A. degree in political science and a B.A. from McGill University.



**Parking Regulations Now Enforced
at Capilano Golf Club**

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May Meeting

Monday, May 9th - Graham E. Fuller

Adjunct Professor of History, Simon Fraser University,
Former Vice-chairman of the National Intelligence Council at the CIA
“Middle East from the Inside”

Last Month Speaker



Dan Potts and Rick Antonson

Rick Antonson, President and CEO of Tourism Vancouver, provided an informative and entertaining presentation. Along with providing numerous facts supporting the importance of tourism to Vancouver and British Columbia, Rick presented two inspirational videos commemorating the success of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. It was great fun to relive the exciting moments of this historic event, revel with the screaming fans at the hockey games, and to view again the elegant opening and closing ceremonies.

Rick was introduced by Ed Strom, a member of our club who has served as a volunteer with Tourism Vancouver for over ten years. Ed is one of more than 250 very essential volunteers that work with Tourism Vancouver to provide hospitality, information and assistance to Vancouver visitors.

With over 1,000 members and 60 staff Tourism Vancouver works to promote the tourism industry in Vancouver which annually serves over 8 million visitors who spend \$3.5 – \$4 billion per year.

Rick acknowledged that Vancouver's success is only possible because of the great attractions of outdoor BC. Tourists come to ski, snowboard, hike, canoe and visit the many natural attractions. As part of their trip they will spend a few days in Vancouver.

The new convention center is also contributing to the growth in visitors to Vancouver. Prior to the center, the annual average number of convention visitors was 90,000. This year it is expected that the number attending conventions will reach 220,000.

Tourism is always dependent on international developments. Currency values and international political issues will impact tourism. With the achievement of approved destination status in China, for example, visits from that

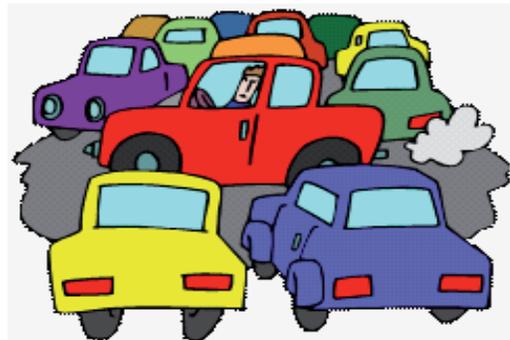
country are expected to increase by 22 percent.

In the question and answer period Antonson expressed support for retaining the HST as is. He noted that the restaurant business in Vancouver is up 4% since the introduction of the HST and "It would be a calamity to try and unwind it now."

Dan Potts

Parking Regulations Now Enforced

Capilano's busy golf season is now underway and they are asking "all guests" to comply with their set parking regulations. A shuttle service is available from the lowest "Visitor Parking" area to the Clubhouse. Those with a valid handicap tag displayed in their windshield may continue to park in the designated stalls provided across from the main Clubhouse entrance.



March Greeters



Cliff Barber and Keith Fenton

New Members Welcomed and Introduced at March Meeting



Robert Piggott
Civil Engineer



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Real Estate

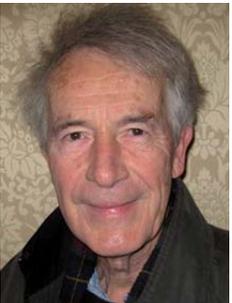
Brief Backgrounds of a Few of Our Recent New Members



Russ Fraser (*member since October 2010*) was born in Vancouver and lives in West Vancouver. After graduating from UBC with a BA. Sc. he had a varied business career with companies large and small, culminating with the presidency of Terra Engineering Laboratories. Russ was active in the volunteer sector, mainly with CNIB and the Engineering Association. He became active in public life in the 70's becoming Chairman of Vancouver Parks Board and entered BC politics in the 80's serving in several Ministerial posts, including Post Secondary Education, Solicitor General and Attorney General.



Barry Heselgrave (*member since December 2010*) was born in Brandon, MB and lives in West Vancouver. After graduating from Brandon College with a B. Sc. he served as an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces in the 60's primarily in Europe with NATO, working later as a teacher before joining IBM. Since leaving IBM, he served as manager for businesses in the wholesale, manufacturing and high tech sectors in Canada and the United States. In 1994 he formed his own business providing strategic operational advice to companies. Outside his business interests he has served on not-for-profit Boards including as Chair of the BC Corps of Commissionaires.



Maarten Jansen (*member since December 2010*) was born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Maarten came to Canada in 1959 to study microbiology at McGill University in Montreal where he later co-owned and managed a clinical microbiology laboratory for over 20 years before moving to Vancouver in 1986 to join an international microbiology company. He has lived in North Vancouver since moving here in 1986.

Hope You All Enjoy a



President Dan Pott's Notes



Membership

The Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver is a victim of its own success in attracting members. The most common complaint we hear about our meetings at Capilano Golf and Country Club is that the crowd is too big in the coffee room or I can't hear because there is so much noise from the conversation. With a membership now at 368, we often fill up the meeting venue to its capacity. As a result, the Management Committee has imposed a moratorium on admission of new members. We will continue accepting applications and the new applicants will be placed on a waiting list. It is unlikely that we will be adding new members until late Fall 2011, at which point we will know the number of renewing members and the room for new members.

What should our maximum membership number be? The Management Committee has adopted the view, at least to date, that we will limit membership when meeting attendance reaches the capacity of the Capilano Golf and Country Club meeting room. Perhaps different criteria should apply. If you have any suggestions please send your comments to danpotts@shaw.ca.

The Newsletter

Linda Metcalfe advised the Management Committee several months ago that she would like to be relieved of her volunteer responsibilities for our newsletter, website, member data base, etc effective in September of 2011. After further discussions, the MC offered Linda the opportunity to continue as our newsletter publisher etc. with a monthly retainer of \$200. She accepted. I would like to thank Linda for her several years of volunteer service to The Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver and also express my delight that she has agreed to continue to serve our club. It is of great relief to know that these responsibilities will continue to be taken care of in a very professional manner.

Dan Potts

Special Events

Twenty-five members have registered for the April 20th visit to the Squamish Westcoast Railway Park and we have room for an additional 25. They can provide a great lunch for 50 in their Roundhouse, but we have to confirm numbers by April 12th, so sign-up at the April meeting.

Please make your cheque for \$29.68 (includes all taxes) payable to "The Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver". There will be a sign-up table at the April meeting. For more information, contact **Ernie Maguire** by phone at 604-926-7574 or email elmaguire@shaw.ca.

Plans are underway to visit the North Shore Water Filtration plant mid May and the Boeing Flight Aviation Centre mid June. Other venues being considered are Bard On The Beach in July and the Abbotsford Air Show in August. Members have also suggested the West Vancouver Salmon Research Station, the Reifel Bird Sanctuary and the converted Speed Skating Oval in Richmond. You can indicate your choices at the April meeting.



Meetings

Second Monday of each month, except when changed to avoid conflict with special holidays on that day; in addition, our Christmas Luncheon replaces the December meeting.
Dress Code: Business Attire. Jeans are **NOT** permitted.

Coffee and fellowship: 9:00 am to 9:45 am
Club business and speaker: 9:45 am to 11:30 am

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