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Next Meeting

Monday, May 14th, 2012

with speaker

Dr. James Boutilier

Asia-Pacific Advisor, Canada's Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters
"Emerging Maritime Threats in East Asia"

Dr. James Boutilier is the Asia-Pacific Advisor at Canada's Maritime Forces Pacific Headquarters in Esquimalt, British Columbia.

Dr. Boutilier attended Dalhousie University (BA History, 1960), McMaster University (MA History, 1962), and the University of London (PhD History, 1969). Dr. Boutilier has held posts at various universities throughout his career, including the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji, Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, British Columbia and the University of Victoria. Dr. Boutilier's field of expertise is Asia-Pacific defence and security.

He published *RCN in Retrospect* in 1982 and has written extensively on maritime and security concerns. He lectures nationally and internationally on political, economic, and security developments in the Asia-Pacific region.

With the dramatic growth of the Chinese Navy and mounting American and Indian concerns about Chinese regional and global ambitions, analysts have begun to talk about a naval arms race in East Asia as the maritime environment becomes increasingly brittle and problematic. Dr. Boutilier's talk will examine the changing balance of maritime power in Asia and the reasons for concern.

Also, visit <http://www.vanguardcanada.com/EngagingAsiaBoutilier> to view an article by Dr. Boutilier in the *Vanguard* magazine, "*The China conundrum: To engage or contain?*", an interesting read and a preview of what to expect at our March meeting.



**Parking Regulations
Now Enforced at
Capilano Golf Club**
see page 3 for details...

Caring Alert

"Management Committee member and Treasurer Terry Hirst is at Lions Gate Hospital following a mild stroke, and subsequent heart problems. We wish him a speedy recovery."

June Meeting

Monday, June 11th - Speaker TBA

President's Notes



Where We Live

Gordon Adair, apart from being Chair of our Speakers Committee, also likes to do some analytical tinkering from time-to-time. In discussing possible alternative venues for our gatherings, members of the Management Committee were curious to know where our 360 members live. So, using postal code data from our membership list, provided by our Administrator Linda Metcalfe, Gordon produced a most informative picture. This information will be useful as we review possible locations for future gatherings in consultation with our members.

Here is an overview of roughly where all of us live:

- West Vancouver 260 = 72%
- North Vancouver 100 = 28%

- West of 15th Street 190 = 52%
- Central North Shore 140 = 40%
- East of Lynn Valley 30 = 8%

Gleaneagles Clubhouse

Last month we met in the Great Hall of the Gleaneagles Clubhouse. We're pleased to report that no-one seems to have got lost in getting to this new location. If you wish to see photos of the facility, including the Larson Station Restaurant which is also located in the Clubhouse, please visit: <http://westvancouver.ca/Level3.aspx?id=12278>

The Great Hall is an official West Vancouver heritage structure, built 80 years ago and fully renovated in 2009. At one time it was the centre of social life in the area. Its 4000 sq. ft. can accommodate 250 for banquets – it has a high cathedral roof and no pillars. Immediately adjacent to the Great Hall is a large area, which is ideal for serving coffee and for mingling. It has a whole wall of windows, with magnificent views of the Golf Course, and of the sea and mountains beyond.

We have received many positive comments about the facility from those attending, and we will continue to seek feedback from members in the coming weeks.

Alex Tunner

Special Events Reminder

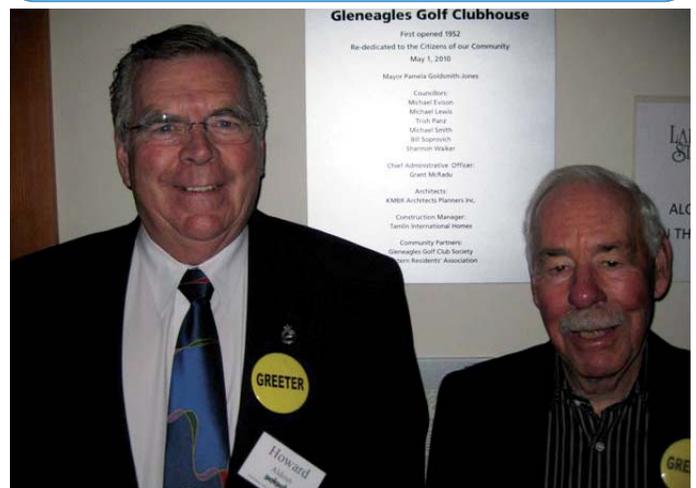
Emily Carr University Tour - May 8th

Openings may still exist for the Emily Carr University Tour which will take place on Tuesday, May 8th at Granville Island. The tour starts at 9:30AM and transportation will be by car pool, which will be arranged. If you are interested in attending, please call Mike McMahon at 604-926-1088 by May 5th.

Below are members enjoying themselves after their recent Reifel Bird Sanctuary tour.



April Greeters



Howard Aldous and Barrie Gillmore

New Members Welcomed and Introduced at April Meeting



Ted Wainwright
Purchasing
Director



John Ward
Marketing
Manager



John Zaplatynsky
Retail
Proprietor

Brief Backgrounds of a Few Recent New Members



Bill Gibson (*member since October 2011*) was raised on a farm in Saskatchewan and obtained a Ph.D. in genetics at UBC. Bill had a 30 year career in education ranging from teaching Grade 4 to graduate school, and college/university administration. Using his administration experience in the BC system, he served as an advisor to educational institutions all over the world and made public presentations on topics ranging from genetic engineering to the future of education. He retired in 2006 as the Senior Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Capilano University and continues to act as an Educational Consultant.



Gary Grais (*member since October 2011*) was born in Edmonton, AB and he has lived in West Vancouver since 1986. He is a graduate of UBC with a B. Sc. (Structural Engineering) and is a Life Member of BC Association of Professional Engineers. After a 20 year career with Dominion Construction in Winnipeg and in Vancouver, Gary started his own firm, Grais Development Corp, specializing in property development consulting and providing due diligence assistance to major Canadian pension fund advisors in their real estate investment decisions. In retirement Gary has found time to volunteer with BC Alzheimer Society in their caregiving and fundraising activities.



Ron Oates (*member since September 2011*) was born in Vancouver and has lived in West Vancouver for the past 12 years. Soon after graduation from Lord Byng high school in 1948, Ron joined his father in Watson-Oates, a Vancouver automobile dealership which was the beginning of his 60 year career in the automotive industry. During those 60 years he worked from 1963 to 1965 with Jim Pattison at his first dealership and for 44 years with Carter GM before retiring in 2011. In retirement Ron volunteers 2 days per week assisting at the West Vancouver Senior Centre with classes for persons with Alzheimer and Dementia challenges.

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 physical handicap tag displayed in their windshield may continue to park in the designated stalls provided across from the main Clubhouse entrance.



Last Month Speaker



Jamie Taras is thanked by President Alex Tunner

Jamie Taras, Director of Community Relations for the BC Lions, gave a vivid and engaging presentation of his 16 years with the Lions, as a fullback and offensive lineman. He talked about Canadian football generally, and described some of the community activities sponsored by the Lions.

Jamie served as Team Captain of the Lions, won numerous awards and trophies, and was named an All Star some ten times. He has been recognized for his outstanding community work, which is focused primarily on young people.

During his presentation, Jamie answered many questions. Here is a sampling:

- Canadian football is more “open” than US football.
- US football is more of a “power” game ... it’s more physical than the Canadian game.
- The Canadian field is fully one-third larger ... 110 x 65 yds. vs. the NFL’s 100 x 53.3 yds. As well, end zones are 20 yds. vs. NFL’s 10 yds.
- Jamie prefers the “wide open” Canadian football game ... there is less time between huddles, and much can happen in the last few minutes.
- Football is similar to chess, in that there is a new strategy after every move while hockey and soccer are much more free-wheeling.
- Canadian high schools play US-rules football – possibly because of a stubborn group of old coaches.
- At the pro-level, all players are good – the difference is leadership in the locker room.
- After a dismal 0-5 start, the Lions finished first in the West with an 11-7 record and won their sixth Grey Cup.

The BC Lions are the Province’s team (not just Vancouver’s) – elsewhere it’s city clubs. The new BC Place Stadium is among the very best in North America. It has the world’s largest cable-supported retractable roof, which when closed, it feels like being outdoors. By contrast, the

old stadium was “stagnant and hard to play-in”. The video screen is excellent – it’s the second largest in North America.

The Lions’ community activities include:

- “*Be More Than a Bystander*” – break the silence on violence against women” is their most important program, with school talks for a safe and respectful environment.
- “*Courage for Kids*” supporting the disadvantaged, and kids from BC Children’s Hospital.
- “*Read, Write, Roar*” community program – 15 school districts, 25,000 pupils annually.
- “*Lions Pride*”, encouraging youngsters aged 8-12 to make positive choices, not gangs.
- “*Play with the Pros*” – free coaching clinics for youths.
- Raising funds for numerous charities and amateur football.

Alex Tunner

Monthly Quote

“We tend to forget that happiness doesn’t come as a result of getting something we don’t have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.”

-Frederick Koenig

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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