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**Next Meeting  
Tuesday November 15, 2005**

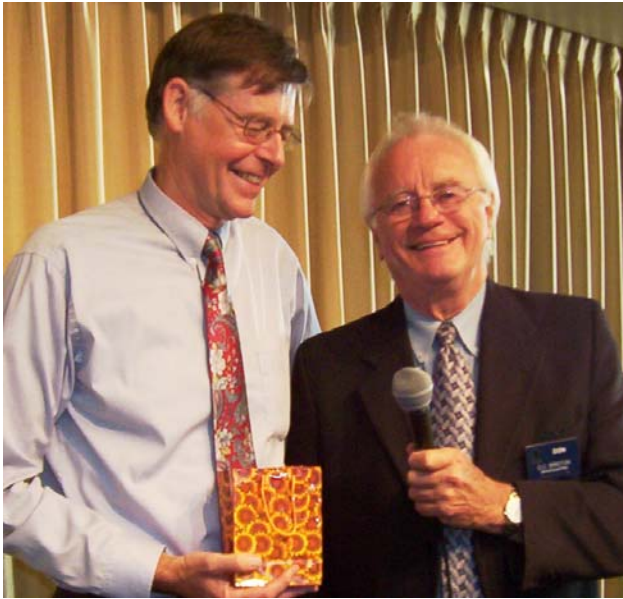
**Bramwell Tovey  
Musical Director  
Vancouver Symphony**

Bramwell Tovey joined the VSO as Music Director in September 2000. Since September 2002 he has also been Chief Conductor and Music Director of the Orchestre Philharmonique du Luxembourg. From 1989 to 2001 he was Artistic Director of the Winnipeg Symphony where he established the WSO's New Music Festival as one of the premiere new music events in North America.

Over the 2004 summer Maestro Tovey made his debut at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam and led the New York Philharmonic in a two-week summer festival at the orchestra's Lincoln Centre home, Avery Fischer Hall. In July he appeared with the NYPO in residence in Vail, Colorado. In October 2004 he conducted the OPL's debut tour of the US and in January 2005 OPL's tour of Germany and Austria. During the 2004/05 season he appeared with the Toronto Symphony, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, the Trondheim Symphony in Norway, and the New York Philharmonic.

Bramwell Tovey holds honorary doctorates from the Universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg. In 1999 he won the Joan Chalmer's National Award for Artistic Direction of a major Canadian arts institution. In 2000 he was appointed a member of the Order of Manitoba. In January 2004 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Music in London, England.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH  
11:30 AM, Tuesday, December 20, 2005  
Capilano Golf and Country Club**



**President Don Brinton presenting our speaker, BC Ferries Commissioner Martin Crilley, with a token of our appreciation.**

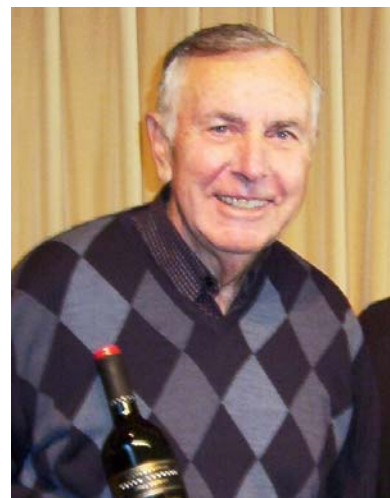


Mr. Crilley began by giving us a brief history of the BC Ferry Service. It was June, 1960 that BC Ferries came into existence. It cost \$5 to ferry a car to the Island. Today, BC Ferries operates 35 ships serving 48 destinations with 4,500 employees.

A major change in the way BC Ferries were governed took place on April 2, 2003, the corporation was officially relaunched as a new, independent commercial company and renamed British Columbia Ferry Services Inc.

The Province appoints the Commissioner and a Deputy Commissioner as independent statutory quasi-judicial officers who function as economic regulators and adjudicators. Their duties include: regulate fares by calculating weighted average fares including adjustments for rising fuel costs; regulate service levels by monitoring delivery on contracted round-trips and manage applications for service cuts; make special decisions, i.e., determine if capital spending is reasonable, de-regulate routes where competition is sufficient and monitor BC Ferries efforts regarding alternative service providers. Designated ferry routes are to move towards a greater reliance on a user pay system so as to reduce over time and the service fee contributions by the government. Currently subsidies run 50 – 66%. The major routes are not subsidized.

President Don thanked our speaker.



**Norm Currie Wins The Door Prize**

The winner of this month's door prize was Norm Currie. Doug Gallop was the first name drawn at random from the membership roster but alas, Doug was not present to accept the fine bottle of wine.

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**Post Office Tour – Wed. Oct. 19/05**  
**Guided by retired Plant Manager Fred Dannels**



The Greater Vancouver Post Office operation has 1186 employees who have sorted and delivered 58.5 million pieces of mail this month, Oct. 180,000 letters from around the world are processed for Santa Claus. Incorporated in Oct. of 1983, the PO became self-sustaining 5 years later. Email reduced letter sorting by 1 million per day but the total sorted and delivered continues to increase.

Automation of mail sorting equipment continues to improve and reduce manual sorting. Cameras read the postal code and direct the item to its destination. Unreadable codes are presented to a computer operator's screen who then types the code and directs the item.

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## Presidents Report

## Future Programs

Dec. 20 ----- Christmas Lunch Meeting  
Jan. 17 ----- James Delgado, Maritime Museum  
Feb. 21 ----- Andre Gerolymatos, SFU  
Mar. 21 ----- Jonathon Manthorpe, Journalist

### \*Christmas Lunch Tuesday 20 December\*

When the picture above was taken at Huntsville in the beautiful Muskokas, Sept. 28, 2005, I asked Don Herron (seen here as Charlie Farquharson of Parry Sound) how old that seedy cardigan of Charlie's was. He immediately replied "54 years". And it looked it! Charlie was part of the excellent entertainment they put on for the Probus Rendezvous 2005 – an affirmation of the national strength and the world-wide interest in the Probus concept.

One Probus definition being used: Probus – an association of retired people enjoying life. My added definition: "Probus is a collection of those who led busy lives and careers and who appreciate the opportunity of fellowship, with the monthly bonus of some intellectual stimulation." I hope it is felt that we achieve that objective in the Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver.

Working toward that end is your Management Committee featured on the insert in this newsletter. These hard working gentlemen meet often, over and above our monthly general meetings. There are regular monthly Management meetings plus numerous meetings within each sub-committee. It is my pleasure to see them given this recognition in this month's Shorelines.

Don Brinton

Our Christmas Fellowship Lunch is again proving very popular with well over 100 registrations. Advance registration and pre-payment is a requirement so if you are planning to attend please mail in your registration with cheque for \$30 as soon as possible or bring it to the Nov. 15 meeting.

### \*Membership Survey\*

The response received to date contains some very interesting ideas and comments and these are much appreciated. We would like to hear from as many members as possible so please be sure to complete the short questionnaire when sending in your luncheon registration. If you require a lunch registration or survey form let us know at:

[shorelines@probus-northshorevancouver.ca](mailto:shorelines@probus-northshorevancouver.ca)

### MEETINGS

Third Tuesday of each month 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
Year Round  
Hollyburn Country Club  
West Vancouver

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### In Memoriam

We regret to announce the passing of  
members Ray Smith and Vick Worthy  
And extend our sincerest sympathies to  
their families