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**Next Meeting
Tuesday May 16, 2006**

**Jim Taylor
Journalist, Author, Broadcaster**

Jim Taylor began his newspaper career in Victoria at The Daily Colonist in 1954 as a part-time sports reporter. He was 17, in Grade 11 at Vic High, and so nervous that he didn't give up his paper route because he figured the sports gig would never last.

Two days after graduation, he moved into the sports department full time and stayed 10 years. After one year with the new Vancouver Times, he came back to the Colonist for a year, then returned to Vancouver, 13 years with the Sun, 17 with the Province, writing a daily sports column from 1971 through 1995 before moving on to national syndication and a six-year stint with the Calgary Sun.

Along the way he has traveled the world with Canada's national teams, and written 10 books: Dirty 30, with Jim Young; Inside the Dynasty, with Dan Kepley; From the Backyard Rink to the Stanley Cup, with Walter Gretzky; Man in Motion, with Rick Hansen; Larionov, with Igor Larionov; Gretzky, the Authorized Pictorial Biography, with Wayne Gretzky, Greg Moore, A Legacy of Spirit, with Dan Proudfoot; two column collections; and his latest, Best of Jim Coleman: 50 Years of Canadian Sports from the Man Who Saw It All. He also has had a daily radio commentary radio show and made numerous television appearances.

Mr. Taylor is a member of the media division in the Canadian Football Hall of Fame and the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame, and in 2000 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Sports Media Canada. His great love has always been Canadian football in general and the B.C. Lions in particular, the team that he covered for 35 years. In 2003, he realized a lifetime dream, traveling across the country to interview 91 CFL greats to produce the CFL's first television archive, the acclaimed five hour CFL Traditions series.

**Upcoming Speaker
9:30 AM, Tuesday, June 20, 2006
Jack Poole, CEO 2010 Olympics**



President Don Thanked Murray Leith

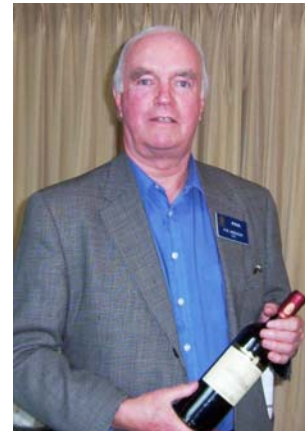
Mr. Leith entitled his presentation “Tempered Expectations” with good reason. His charts indicated that Canada’s stock market returns for the last three years have exceeded the US’s by a large margin as energy fuels the Canadian market.

He told us that Canada benefits from the strong global growth. The global economy grew by 5% in 2004 and roughly 4.5% in 2005, driven by the US and China. But US growth will slow due to tighter monetary policy, high energy prices, and a weaker housing market.

Global growth will slow in 2006 due to slower growth in the US and China. Small changes in final demand can have a significant impact on demand for manufacturing and commodities. Canada has had a great run, but odds of Canada outperforming in 2006 are not good. The pendulum swings when growth slows.

For the Canadian investor, he suggests moving to more out of favour US companies with attractive price / earning ratios such as Walmart Stores Inc., Pfizer Inc. and Anheuser-Busch. In Canada he likes Loblaws, Shoppers Drug Mart and Coca Cola. The businesses have done well but it’s the valuations that have become attractive after 5 years of over valuation.

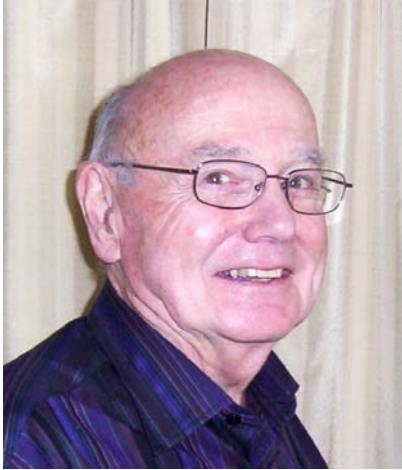
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Paul Kissack was the 8th member drawn at random. for the bottle of fine wine.



Three new members were introduced today. Left to right, Barney Nunns, Bob Hassan and Scott Kennedy received their Probus pins from President Don.



Barney Nunns

Barney was born in the town of Cumberland on Vancouver Island on April 30th, 1924. Cumberland at that time was one of the Island’s famous coal mining towns. He and his two sisters attended high school there.

In 1942 Barney joined the RCAF and graduated from the Wireless School in Montreal as a wireless mechanic. He was posted to the RCAF Transport Squadron at Sea Island in Richmond, B.C. From there Barney saw service in England, India and Burma before he was “demobbed” in December 1945.

Back in “civvy” life Barney joined the Vancouver Sun but soon discovered his real career, General Insurance. He opened his own brokerage and ran it for 48 years.

Barney enjoys golf and gardening. He and his wife Jenny have done quite a bit of travelling. One of the original members of “Fit Fellas” at the West Van Senior’s Centre, Bob says “I wouldn’t miss it for the world...that’s what keeps me going”!

In addition to that, Barney goes into Vancouver each week where he is a volunteer driver for the “Cancer Cars”. He drives cancer patients to and from their treatment at the Cancer Clinic.



Bob Hardman

Originally from Montreal, where he was born in 1935, Bob and his family moved to Toronto and then to Sarnia. He had one brother and a sister and they all attended high school in those two cities.

Bob moved on to the University of Michigan where he graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1960.

Bob’s first stop in his career was with Westinghouse in Hamilton. From there he joined Ingersoll Rand in Montreal and then moved with them to Toronto. After that he went to the Bingham Pump Company in Toronto, where he specialized in the design of centrifugal pumps for refineries, nuclear power plants and pipelines.

Bingham transferred him to Vancouver in 1966 and he stayed with them until 1973 when he joined Pumps and Power.

In 1990 Bob decided he had designed enough pumps and made a big career jump into the real estate business. For the next 10 years he had a very successful life in sales with Sutton Realty before finally retiring in 2000.

Bob met his wife Patricia in Sarnia in 1952 and they were married in 1960. They have a son and a daughter and 7 grandchildren.

SPECIAL EVENT REMINDER

Lunch featuring Captain John Hutchinson,
retired British Airways Concorde pilot.
11:30 AM, Tuesday, May 30
West Vancouver Yacht Club
(almost sold out – reserve early)





Presidents Report

Thanks, Probus members, for turning out in good numbers for our April meeting. Our House Committee estimated our attendance at 150, which is respectable, about 54% of our total membership of 279.

Congratulations to Keith Trail, a Past President of the Probus Club of Lantzville, for being elected by Clubs across the Province, to the Board of Directors of Probus-Centre Canada. Keith will serve a 3 year term as one of 3 directors representing BC on the Board of our National body. Keith also happens to be a key member of the Organizing Committee for the Probus BC Conference, being held in Nanaimo May 5-7. Representing our Probus Club at this conference will be the Chair of our Communications Committee, Esio Marzotto.

And speaking of Esio, he and his cohorts on the Communications Committee (John Leonard, Darryl Stodalka and Ron Penhall) work very hard at publishing a bright and informative monthly newsletter. "Shorelines" is our main contact with our members, hence the importance of a quality product. Members can help by contributing their biographies, a very popular regular feature of Shorelines. If you haven't yet been "written-up", contact the Communications Committee, and they'll arrange to take your "Bio" highlights and magically convert them into a scintillating description of your life!

AGM: The Management Committee has set the date for our Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held in conjunction with our regular September meeting, Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

Cheers, Don Brinton


Future Programs
July 18 ----- Dr. John Maynard LGH

BELIEFS TO LIVE BY

- Always behave like a duck, keep calm and unruffled on the surface, even when you're paddling like mad underneath.
- Forgive your enemies, if you can't get back at them any other way.
- If something is worth doing, it's worth overdoing.
- ...that's right up there with "when the going gets tough, the tough go golfing."
- (neo-Kipling) If you can smile when everything goes wrong, you're either a nitwit or a repairman.
- Truism: The mind starts working the minute you're born and doesn't stop until you get up to speak in public.
- And speaking of the mind, were not sure of nature's purpose in dividing the main functions of the human brain, but evidently, the right side of the brain is the cultural side, with artistic and creative elements; the left side is supposedly the business side, with rational and analytical elements. But two martinis can bring about a re-balance.



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

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