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Next Meeting
Tuesday June 20, 2006

Jack Poole
CEO 2010 Olympics

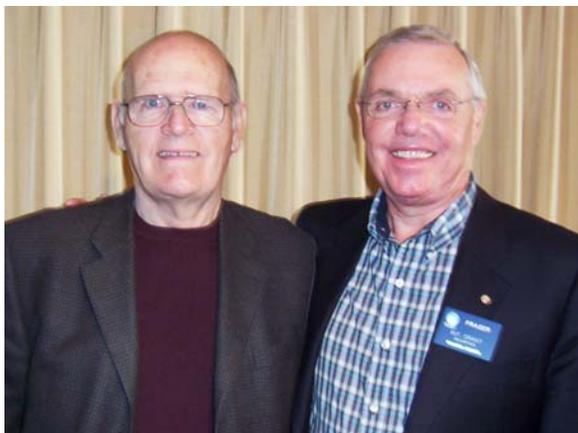
Prominent Vancouver businessman, John Wilson (“Jack”) Poole, led the Vancouver 2010 Bid Corporation as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Appointed in September, 2001, Mr. Poole drew on the country’s best human and technical expertise to fashion a solid bid, build public support and conduct an effective international campaign. He helped foster a cohesive and cooperative working relationship among the bid’s member partners, which included the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia, the City of Vancouver, the Resort Municipality of Whistler, the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Canadian Paralympic Committee and the four First Nations within whose traditional territories the Games would be held, the Lil’wat, the Musqueam, the Squamish and the Tsleil-Waututh.

One of Canada’s most successful builders and businessmen, Mr. Poole was born in Mortlach, Saskatchewan. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering. His business experience includes his present role as Chairman of Concert Properties, a Vancouver-based diversified real estate development company, which he co-founded. He also co-founded DAON Development and has served as a director of several companies and organizations.

In his younger days, Mr. Poole won the heavyweight wrestling championship at the University of Saskatchewan and showed promise in two Winter Olympic sports. Although a potential hockey career was short-circuited by injury, he went on to skip a rink from the Hollyburn Curling Club to the southern BC curling finals. Mr. Poole was the Founding Chair of the Molson Vancouver Indy, and is an avid golfer. Among his awards are the Queen’s Jubilee Medal and the Order of British Columbia.

Upcoming Speaker
9:30 AM, Tuesday, July 18, 2006
Dr. John Maynard LGH



Jim Taylor was introduced by Fraser Grant

It was clear at the outset that Jim Taylor is an unassuming very fine person. He began by telling us that he felt he was “the most important person in the world and loving it. I was paid to go to world wide events as if what I had to say was important.” Jim has been writing for 47 years, sports for 30 years and still has 2 books to complete. The Best of Jim Coleman, is his most recent. Jim had great fun answering our questions with one liners:

What about Todd Bertuzzi?

Jim: “ He carries a lot of baggage here, its time for him to move on.”

What do you say about Olympic Hockey?

Jim: “It ain’t our game anymore.”

Any advice for Jack Poole, Olympics CEO?

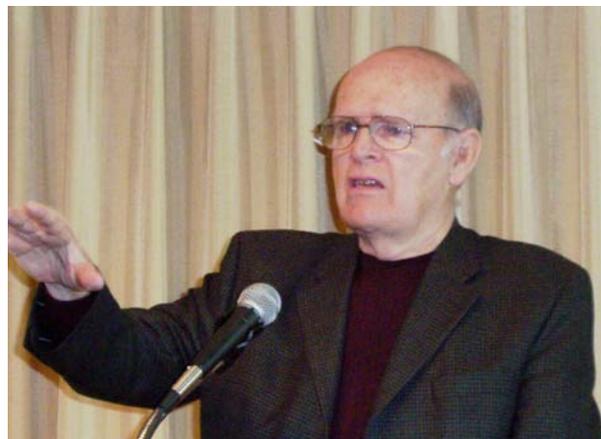
Jim: “Don’t do it!”

Does Gretzky merit his reputation?

Jim: “They don’t make them like Gretzky anymore. As Gordie Howe said, Gretzky would have been the best hockey player in any season in NHL history.”

Your views on the Vancouver Giants?

Jim: “They’ve given the game back to families. You can take your wife and kids to a game at half the price of a Canucks single ticket. Just great for Vancouver hockey.”



On NHL referees?

Jim: “There have been some horrendous calls because of the new rules but overall the officiating has been very good.”

Drugs in Professional Baseball?

Jim: “We’ll always have it. There will always be cheaters. Sad thing is steroid use is greatest among high school students. They do it to look good on the beach.”

President Don thanked Jim Taylor.

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Jim Corbett was the 2nd member drawn at random for the bottle of fine wine.

John Low missed out this month.



**Bob
Hassan**

Bob was born on April 19th, 1932, in Burnaby where Metrotown is now located. He was the younger of two brothers and attended school at John Norquay and John Oliver High School.

He started his working life in a paper box factory. After nine years he realized that his real interest was in becoming a fireman. So he joined the Vancouver Fire Department where he worked his way up the ladder (sorry Bob, we couldn't resist that!) until he became Battalion Chief.

In total he served 32 years until he retired in 1960. Bob continues to meet regularly with his retired comrades from the fire department.

Married later in life Bob lost his wife in 2003.

“ I loved playing all sports, but I particularly enjoyed hunting and fishing”, said Bob.



SPECIAL EVENT Concorde Pilot John Hutchinson



A passionate presentation about a marvellous aircraft by a professional, knowledgeable, expert.



More than seventy members and guests in attendance at the WV Yacht Club May 30.



John Hutchinson thanked by Malcolm Nicholson

BC Probus Clubs Meet in Nanaimo



Probus National Director Pidge McBride with National President Beth Hickerson

Over 100 BC Probus delegates and members met in Nanaimo, May 6, 7, 8. The program was well balanced between Probus activities and fellowship. Behind Pidge and Beth (above) can be seen some of the visual materials employed by Consultant and Humorist Don Cochrane.

The Saturday afternoon session was devoted to “What Clubs Do Best”, an open discussion session conducted by newly elected Director Keith Trail from the Lantzville Club, host of the event. We all have speakers programs and newsletters but our structures and membership vary widely. There are men only and women only and couples only clubs and mixed clubs.

Special Interest Groups are wide and varied and include groups that get together as: Biographers — Bowlers — Bridge Players — Computer Programs — Dancing — Coffee Clutches — Octoberfest — Other Probus Club Visitors -- Read Books — Read Plays -- Theatre Goers — Travellers -- Wine Makers — Wine tasters — Writers and so on and on.

Next year BC Probus will meet in Salmon Arm 1st, 2nd & 3rd of May and all Probians are welcome. Probus Canada will meet in 2008 in St. John, New Brunswick..

Esio Marzotto



Probus Managing Director Reg Whynott and Esio Marzotto

To learn more about Probus Clubs in Canada visit the national website at:

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Future Programs

July 18 ----- Dr. John Maynard LGH
Aug. 15 -----

MEETINGS

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