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**Next Meeting
Tuesday April 17, 2007**

**Bev Van Ruyven
Executive Vice President
Customer Care & Conservation
BC Hydro**

Bev Van Ruyven is Senior Vice-President, Customer Care & Conservation at BC Hydro, one of the largest electric utilities in Canada. Bev graduated with distinction from the University of Victoria with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She is also a graduate of the Richard Ivey School of Business Executive Management Program at the University of Western Ontario.

Ms. Van Ruyven joined BC Hydro in 1997 as Manager, Key Accounts, responsible for managing the team that provides sales and service expertise to BC Hydro's largest industrial and commercial accounts. Since then she has held the position of Vice President, Power Smart, Senior Vice President, Distribution and Senior Vice-President, Customer Care and Conservation. In her current role Bev is responsible for Energy Planning, Energy Acquisition, Power Smart and Customer Care.

Bev serves on the Board of Directors of Accenture Business Services for Utilities and the Western Energy Institute and Science World.

She will be speaking to British Columbia's emerging gap between the supply and demand for electricity, how the gap is expected to grow over the next twenty years and, what BC Hydro's plans are to address the energy gap. Bev will identify the resource options that are available to BC. These options will range from BC Hydro's own resource additions and to resources supplied by Independent Power Producers. The options will cover both conventional and new technologies. BC Hydro's plans will be cast in the context of the BC Government's 2007 Energy Plan.

NEXT MONTH – MAY 15

Probus Club Member

NICK GEER

Chairman of the Board of NAV Canada

Provider of Civil Air Navigation Services Coast to Coast

Last Month's Speaker



David Baines was introduced by Lal Fox

It was clear, David Baines reputation had preceded him. The audience was one of the largest in the Club's meeting history.

He gave us a brief history of the sordid Vancouver stock market activity beginning with the formation of the 1903 Vancouver Stock Exchange. He had few kind words for the fraudsters calling them scoundrels and socio-paths preying on sober law-abiding investors with their patently ridiculous schemes. And, sadly, they found corrupt lawyers, accountants and other professionals willing to do their dirty work.

He described a typical case: registered in Las Vegas, two partners form a shell company giving each partner 2 million shares and distributing another million among relatives, friends and acquaintances. Following registration with the Vancouver Stock Exchange the partners buy back the stock given to friends and begin buying and selling the stocks to each other day after day at ever increasing prices. To outsiders the value of the stock appears to be increasing thus exploiting the propensity for speculation. The partners lie in press releases, reselling cheap worthless stock at ever increasing prices. They steal from the treasury and eventually the company is bankrupted leaving creditors receiving little.

The Security Commission is bureaucratic and cumbersome and can take years to investigate a company rarely followed by criminal action by the courts. A structural change is needed in the administration of justice.

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New Members Introduced



Three new members received pins from President Brian L to R, President Brian Cooper, Barrie Bate, Chuck Willett, Bob Boase & Ron Lively Membership Chair. Chairman Ron announced that Club membership now stands at 290.



Greeters today were Blair McLenaghan & Terry Hirst

When your boss catches you napping at your desk, tell him:

"I wasn't sleeping, I was meditating on the mission statement and envisioning a new paradigm."

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY REPORT

Members were asked their opinions on Club activities by completing a questionnaire that was designed to guide the Management Committee in planning future meetings and activities. A total of 155 members responded.

A summary of the survey results follows. Ranking numbers employed: 1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent, numbers shown are averages of all responses to each question.

Pre-Speaker Fellowship 3.8

Featured Speakers

Ranged from 2.6 to 4.6

Future Speakers and Topics

Arts/Culture	3.3
Business/Industry	4.3
Columnists/Commentators	4.0
Economic/Financial	4.3
Educators	3.5
Environment	3.6
Government	3.5
Health	4.0
Historians	3.9
Military	3.4
Sports Personalities	3.3

Shorelines Content

Details of Forthcoming Speaker	4.3
Report on Previous Month's Speaker	3.8
Member Biographies	3.4
Reports on Special Events	3.8
Health & Lifestyle	3.5
President's Report	3.8
Other Items (Humour, Recipes)	3.5

Overall Impression of the Club 4.6

Special Events

2005 Christmas Luncheon	3.8
Dinner & Mozart Concert	3.7
Concorde Luncheon	3.9
HMCS Vancouver Day-Sail	3.8
Aquarium Visit & Luncheon	3.7
Deep Cove Dinner & Theatre	3.5

Volunteer Interest

A number of members expressed an interest in volunteering to participate on Club Committees.

House	29	Special Events	14
Communications	4	Speakers	8
Membership	8		

Management Committee Members will be contacting those expressing an interest with information about the Committees and their duties and responsibilities.

As the Club membership grows, the Club management activity also increases. Members are always welcome to participate as members of the various committees. The rewards include increasing your circle of friends and acquaintances and, contributing to the continued success of your Club.

Other Comments

Forty-three members responded with specific comments and suggestions (too numerous to list here) that are being considered by the Management Committee.



President's Report

As you will see elsewhere in this Newsletter we have published the details of our recent Club Survey. We appreciate the effort you have taken to complete this survey and you can rest assured we will use the input you have given us to maintain a Club that warrants your continuing and enthusiastic membership.

Some interesting statistics on Probud Canada:

- It celebrates its 20th anniversary this March at Cambridge, Ont. Cambridge was the first Club chartered in Canada.
- The Probud Club of White Rock /South Surrey, B.C. was also incorporated in September, 20 years ago.
- There are over 180 Probud Clubs in Canada today and world-wide have Clubs in the U.K., Australasia, and the U.S.A.
- There are over 23,400 members Canada-wide.
- The Vancouver Club is the third largest with a memberships in the 335 range. (The two larger clubs are Simcoe and Cambridge in Ontario.)

Probud Centre-Canada is divided into 12 Districts each with one Board Member:

- Atlantic Provinces and State of Maine ----- 1
- N/West Ontario, Man., Sask., and Man ----- 2
- British Columbia ----- 3
- Ontario ----- 6

Our member, John Leonard, is one of two running for Board membership in our District #1 in the B.C. region. The Board will be elected in April/07. Enjoy your Probud Club!

Brian Cooper

A NEW SELF HELP BOOK FOR WEEKEND GOLFERS

Table of Contents

1. How to properly line up your 4th putt.
2. How to hit a Nike from the rough when you hit a Titelist from the tee.
3. How to avoid the water when you lie 8 in a bunker.
4. How to get more distance off the shank.
5. When to give the ranger the finger.
6. Using your shadow on the greens to maximize earnings.
7. When to implement handicap management.
8. Proper excuses for drinking beer before 9 AM.
9. How to rationalize a 6 hour round.
10. How to find a ball everyone else saw go in the water.
11. How to let a foursome play through your twosome.
12. How to relax when you are hitting three off the tee.
13. When to suggest major corrections to your opponent.
14. God and the meaning of the birdie-to-bogey three putt.
15. Why male golfers will pay \$5.00 for a beer from the cart girl and give her a \$3.00 tip, but balk at \$3.50 at the 19th hole and stiff the bartender.

MEETINGS

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

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