



**Newsletter # 201**

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**May 2011**

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Meetings are held at the Quality Bayside Inn and normally on the third Monday of the Month at 9:00 am.

This month's meeting will be held on *May 16th*.

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### **Speaker's Corner**

At our April meeting we were treated to an excellent presentation by Jeff Lewis and Erik Krogh. We were provided with a clear summary of the causes of climate change with an emphasis how recent rising global temperature and sea level are influenced by human activity. Our two speakers will be back for our next meeting on May 16. They will talk about what we can do to adapt to climate change and suggest solutions that could provide mitigation.

We had arranged for George Amendola, a retired CSIS agent , to speak to us on June 20. Unfortunately, George needs surgery for a back problem and will not be available as planned. He will be happy to come at a later time and we will take advantage of the offer at the next opportunity.

We are in the process of locating another speaker for June and will give you the details in the next newsletter.

Regards... *Gerry Addy*

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### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

At the April meeting it was a pleasure to induct four of my friends as new members. Garry & Pat Meadus attended the U of A with my husband Lorne and I so I have known them for over 50 years. They recently moved to Parksville from Edmonton. Ed Barr and Sara Smith are long time tennis

friends. Some Eaglecrest residents may remember Sara from when she worked in the Eaglecrest pro shop. Pat and Sara, both good golfers, have agreed to be on the golf committee with Tony Marsland. I will not be attending the May 16 meeting as I will be in England touring gardens in Cornwall. John Gunton has agreed to chair the meeting.

50-50 Draw - at the request of a member we have decided to revive this at our monthly meetings. As we are not in need of the money this is not intended as a fundraiser but a service to those members who enjoy participating. Lou Drage will be in charge of this and will be seated at the table just to the right of the door as you enter. He will NOT be going table to table and there is definitely NO need to participate. If you are interested please purchase your ticket either prior to the meeting or at the break. The draw will take place at the end of the break.

Who Am I - you will notice some of the management committee Who Am I's in this newsletter. I will be approaching the volunteers & appointees for these next.

Book Exchange- many thanks to Alice Westaway for carrying these books back & forth to each meeting. Please remember to check the shelf at the back of the room to see if there is a book that you would like to read.

Thanks to Leslie Sampson and Lyla Redford for acting as greeters. Thanks to Doug Hamilton and Gordon Robinson for being greeters at the March meeting. Please contact Doug Cockburn (752-2814) if you are willing to act in this capacity at any meeting.

There were 52 members, 9 guests and 2 speakers present at the March meeting for a total of 63.

Minutes - brief minutes will be kept at the monthly meetings. These will not be reported in the newsletter completely since there would be duplication with items already covered in the newsletter. A full set of the minutes is available upon request. Excerpts are included below:

March - Jean Cotter

- Financial - Doug Cockburn reported a balance of \$6,168.59
- The final version of the By-Law revisions were presented to the membership. Moved by Stan Harry, seconded by Gene Wakaruk that we approve the revised by-laws. Carried.

April - Andy Pickard

- There were 60 members, 4 guests and 3 speakers present, for a total of 67.
- Financial - our current balance is 5736.59
- Ken Leaney reported that the Christmas luncheon is set for Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at Tigh-Na-Mara Resort, and musical entertainment has been arranged.

Cheers... *Judy Wood*

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**SUNSHINE REPORT**

A sympathy card was sent to Anna Collie and her family with our deepest regrets following the death of her husband, Gordon. A card was sent to Russ Morrison to let him know we are thinking of him and wishing him well.

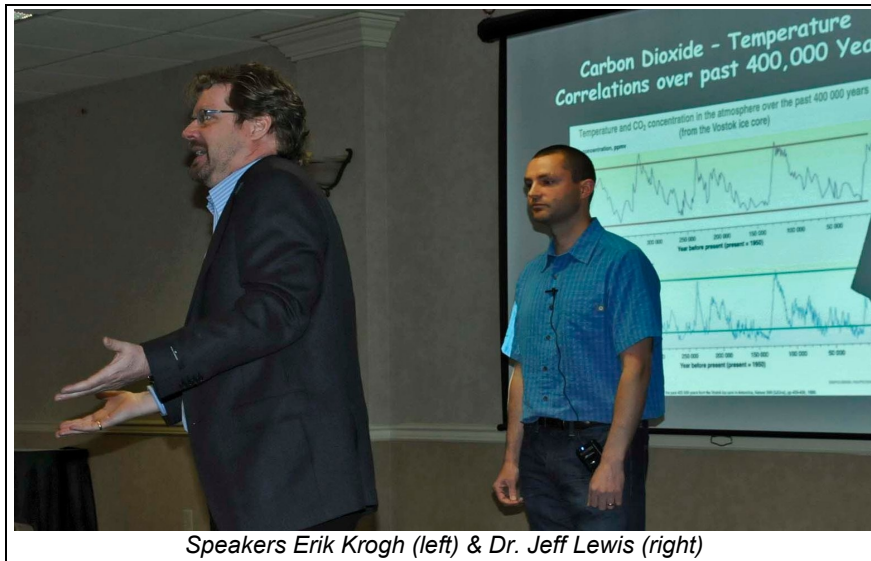
*Alice Westaway*



**APRIL GENERAL MEETING**



*Induction of new members - Ed Barr, Sara Smith, Judy, Pat & Gary Meadus*



Speakers Erik Krogh (left) & Dr. Jeff Lewis (right)



Ivan Kartz receiving his 10 year pin

*Photos Courtesy of Richard Sillery*

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## **CURRENT EVENTS**

### **CANADIAN FORCES TESTING RANGE AT NANOOSE BAY – Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

CFMTR Main Entrance is situated on Powder Point Road, off NW Bay Road. There will be two tours: Group A will leave the parking lot at 07.45 and will be back at the parking lot by 09.00 approximately. The second tour Group B will meet at the parking lot by 09.45 and the tour will last until 11.30 approximately. There is one space

left on Group A and four spaces on Group B. Contact Fred Collins 752-1401 if you wish to participate. A list of guests are required by the Base before May 21. The boat ride to Winchelsea Is. takes approx. 30min. Anyone with a condition that would require immediate medical attention should refrain from the tour. Guests should be capable of getting in and out of a vessel and climbing a steep (paved) road unassisted. Good walking shoes are recommended. Note weather will be cooler on the water. Washrooms are available on WI. Your guide on WI will be Capt. Jeff Manney.

*Fred Collins*

### **WHISTLER OVERNIGHT TRIP - Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

The following 20 members have paid for this excursion - Doug & Marilyn Slater, Gerry & Phyllis Schofield, Ken & Marlene Leaney, John & Janet Mattis, Judy Wood & Jean Temple, Brenda Moore & Lesley Sampson, Bob Urquhart, Doug & Beryl Hamilton, Pete & Lyla Redford, Nessie Bayley & Shona Hookings, Boo Laurin. This special promo at the Fairmont Whistler of 149 + tax (including a \$25 restaurant credit) ended April 18. If you are still interested in this trip but missed the deadline contact Judy Wood by e-mail - [judy.wood@shaw.ca](mailto:judy.wood@shaw.ca) (I am away until May 22) in case someone has to cancel or another similar promo surfaces. Several of us plan to take the new "Peak to Peak" tram- the longest continuous lift system in the world.

*Judy Wood*

### **BBQ AND BOCCE TOURNAMENT – Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

SAME PLACE: Rotary Park Qualicum Beach SAME TIME: 2:00 P.M. SAME GOOD FOOD & FUN  
LADIES: We will be having a contest!!! BEST JUDGED HAT CONTEST There will be prizes!!!!

More information to follow.

*Ralph Bunker*

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT - Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm, Pheasant Glen Golf Club**

Golf (9 holes with power cart) and dinner \$45.

Dinner "only" \$20, Dinner is at 6pm.

For further information contact Tony Marsland 752-1072, [marsland@shaw.ca](mailto:marsland@shaw.ca).

*Tony Marsland*

<p>It is with sadness that we pass along the news that member Gordon Collie passed away in March. Gordon was a member since 2004. Our sympathy goes out to wife Anne, also a member, whom we hope to see at some of the coming meetings.</p>
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### **WHO AM I's?**

I was born at home on a wheat farm in Burdett, Alberta in the middle of a severe snowstorm. When I was ten the family moved to the Fraser Valley. I grew up in and around Abbotsford. After finishing high school I trained as a

Psychiatric nurse at Essondale. When I was 24 I met Art in March, we were engaged in May and were married in August. We lived in Medicine Hat for several years. Art was manager of Alberta Clay Products and I worked in a medical clinic. We moved many times ending up in North Vancouver where our four children got their education. I was involved in PTA, Brownies, Engineers wives, garden club and other volunteer work. I also sold Avon when my children were young. We had a full life. We enjoyed skiing, hiking, boating and entertaining good friends. In 1978 we started building our house in Eaglecrest and moved here in 1980. Unfortunately Art died in 1998. I continue enjoying many activities, my family and my friends. I am Alice Westaway.

I was born in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, and after high school and business college I left for my first job in Saskatoon. After five years in that city I moved to Calgary where I had several jobs, my last being that of Executive Asst. to the President and Vice President of an oil company. I met my husband Bob in Calgary and we were married in 1977. We spent many vacations in the Parksville-Qualicum area before we retired and built a house in Nanoose in 1989. Bob joined the Parksville Probus Club in 1994 and after he passed away in 2005, I continued the membership. I have many hobbies; golf being the main one, but I also play bridge, enjoy embroidery and like to read. I have been the Secretary for Probus since the Fall of 2008. I am Jean Cotter.

I grew up in Vancouver. After my first career job in Montreal, I moved to London, England to join a team to market specialized technical equipment in Europe, Africa, the Mideast, and Australasia. This led to wonderful adventures and unique experiences. I've made friends with a wide variety of people of many cultures, religions, and nationalities. I've ridden elephants in India and camels in Egypt, crossed the Arctic Circle in Finland, and swum at Bondi Beach in Australia. I've even flown Air Burma to Rangoon. In Moscow, I've shown 'Communistas' their first coloured movie, their first glimpse of clear wrapping film, and have had similar Communistas in my home in England to play backgammon and dine. S-s-sh - There have been two attempts to recruit me as a spy. And I have been followed by security forces in an Eastern European country. On returning to Canada I had a great deal of fun and gratification turning a company in receivership into a highly profitable international enterprise. My wife and I settled in Oceanside fifteen years ago and have regularly congratulated ourselves on our choice. Here, I've been associated with The Old School House, Elder College, Probus, and the Scrimshankers. I am Hugh Carter.

Some people tell me I have a trace of an English accent, but I think I speak 'normal Canadian' - except I've been accused of not saying "Eh"! I was born in England, and we moved to Vancouver just after WW II. So I grew up in Vancouver through my school years, went to UBC for a B.Sc. and on to U of Western Ontario for a doctorate in chemistry. My whole career has been in the downstream oil industry - lubricants for a few years and then fuels for the past 25+ years. I met Charlene in Sarnia, and we married there nearly 39 years ago. Our two grown daughters have families of their own - one still in Calgary, and the other in Houston, Texas. I'm 'retired for the first time' now, having left Petro-Canada in 2003. I'm still involved in fuels in Canada and the States - chairing the Canadian CGSB Gasoline and Alternative Automotive Fuels Committee for Canadian fuel standards and actively involved in ASTM International fuel standards. Usually, when I miss one of our monthly meetings, I'm away for a little consulting job - assisting companies on fuel issues, or teaching a 3-day course on diesel fuel for ASTM International. I am your Past President - Andy Pickard.

Looking back on my working years it seems anti climactic. However life has a way of going full circle. As a youngster I began landscape painting, determined to excel in fine art as a career, but reality was to set me on another course. In 1954 I joined a major office equipment manufacturer as a space planner in Toronto. Over the following years my skills grew to cover all facets of office planning and design. In 1962 I was granted membership in the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario. In 1971 I joined Simpsons Commercial Interiors sales staff, leaving the studio behind. I thoroughly enjoyed this role until my retirement in 1988, at which point I moved to the island to resume painting. To-day with a lovely wife by my side I'm "living the dream" in beautiful B.C. I am your treasurer Doug Cockburn.

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