



Scandinavian Business Club

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Dinner Meeting

Drinks 6.00 PM ---- Dinner 7:00PM

The speaker for this month - **Jim Robson** - is an enduring symbol of excellence in sports broadcasting.



To many British Columbians, Jim Robson is the voice of hockey. Countless hockey fans literally grew up on the game while listening to Robson's impeccable delivery of the on-ice action, whether over the radio or television.

Over the course of his forty-seven-year broadcasting career, Robson called the action for more than 2000 NHL games on radio and television. He broadcast four Stanley Cup Finals and five NHL All-Star Games for Hockey Night in Canada, but is remembered best for his twenty-four years broadcasting Canucks games on radio for CKNW. When the Canucks jumped to the NHL, he was there for the very first game on October 9th, 1970 doing play-by-play for the HNIC television broadcast. In his entire career, he never missed a broadcast due to illness.

Robson was only 17 when he walked into CJAV in Port Alberni to pursue a career in radio. He moved to Vancouver in 1956 to CKWX where he remained for 14 years and then moved to CKNW, his home for the next 24 years. During his career in sports broadcasting, he demonstrated versatility and ease with a range of sports including baseball, football, high school basketball, track & field and golf, but his passion was focused on hockey.

With Robson, listeners followed the progress of ice hockey in Vancouver. Wherever the team went, he was there, from the last game played at the Vancouver Forum to the first game at the Pacific Coliseum and subsequently, the team's move to General Motors Place. He also brought hockey fever home with his broadcast of the first NHL games in Edmonton and Calgary for Hockey Night in Canada, not to mention his work for CBC, BCTV, VTV and CTV Sports Net.

His trademark line used to open every broadcast ("Good evening hockey fans and welcome to this National Hockey League game...") became nearly as well-known as his regular nod to those listening at home: "...at this time it is my pleasure to welcome to the broadcast all the shut-ins, the pensioners, the blind, and all of those people who can't get out to watch hockey games." Robson's lifelong dedication to his craft has been honoured numerous times, including induction into the media section of the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1992 and BC Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

Robson retired in April 1999 and continues to attend Canucks games to this day as a spectator. He can regularly be found in the arena trading stories with fans and long-time friends. In 2005, he published a popular coffee table book, "Hockey Play-by-Play: Around the NHL with Jim Robson," with Vancouver writer Jason Farris that told inside stories of Robson's countless trips around the many NHL arenas over his career. When the Canucks honoured the original 1970-71 Canuck players on the 40th anniversary of the Canucks' first NHL game October 9, 1970, the sell-out Rogers Arena crowd saved perhaps the loudest ovation of the night for Robson, the man who broadcast more Canuck games than any other.



President's report

Dear Members:

At our March dinner with good Scandinavian food, a very interesting video of old Viking settlements in L'Anse Aux Meadows was shown.

The new executive board has formed a Membership Committee with the task to streamline and spread the workload for processing new members, and a Website Committee to further develop our website and visibility on the SCCS website.

We have three new members Torkild Christensen, Birgit Vaskira, and Morten Labo. Please make them feel welcome at our dinners and other popular social events. And forward your congratulations to long time member Carsten Love for good visibility, in his recent professional presentation on Global TV.

At this time of the year we are reminded that our Club is an organization associated with the Scandinavian Community Centre Society (SCCS), which has its A.G.M. on Thursday April 21st. I am invited to file a report and update from our Club by April 18th, so, please let me know if you have any subjects you think I should bring forward to the SCCS.

Please note also the deadline of May 15 for scholarship applications.

Jim Robson, the famous hockey broadcaster on major Canadian radio and television networks, will be our next dinner speaker, Wednesday April 13th. He has broadcast several Stanley Cup Finals and NHL All-Star Games. This should be a very interesting evening, so bring your friends and associates.

Let's take a short break from our busy spring schedule and meet on Wednesday, April 13 for good fellowship at the Club, and a very interesting dinner speaker. Bring many guests for this great dinner event!

Best Regards,
Jan



Menu

Starter: Various types of herring and rye bread.

Main: Beef Tenderloin
Fresh Vegetables
All the trimmings

Dessert: Fresh Fruit Trifle
Cookies
Coffee and Tea



Website

We have registered our own domain “sbc-bc.ca” and have moved our website. We have a link to that site from the Scandinavian Centre’s webpage.

Please Bookmark <http://www.sbc-bc.ca>

Please take lots of photographs at our meetings. If you forward these to Bjarne they can be displayed on our web site or in the slideshow of the photo frames in our display case.

If you use a “gmail” account, when you forward the photos, Google will automatically resize the photographs so you can email all of them at once

Other News

Cold Recall - Reflections of a Polar Explorer: Exhibition Seminar

Topic: **Roald Amundsen’s influence on Captain Henry Larsen**

Speaker: **Doreen Larsen Riedel**, daughter of Norwegian-born Henry Larsen, Captain of the St. Roch during many years and the senior RCMP officer in the Arctic

Date & Time: **Saturday, April 16, 2pm to 3:30 pm**

Location: **TeeKay Gallery, Vancouver Maritime Museum**
1905 Ogden Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6J 1A3

As a Norwegian boy, Henry Larsen grew up in a country caught up in the fever of Polar Exploration and at a time when Norwegian Explorer Roald Amundsen not only successfully navigated the Northwest Passage, but also led the expedition that won the Race to the South Pole.

Larsen spent years training for a life sailing in the Arctic regions and after joining Canada's RCMP, became the first to Captain a ship, the St. Roch, through the Arctic waters from West to East, and back.

In a lively, visual presentation, Larsen's eldest daughter, Doreen, will look at how Amundsen influenced Larsen and why these two men were so successful in guiding their ships through the Northwest Passages and surviving over-wintering in the Arctic when so many had failed.

Also plan to attend the upcoming Exhibition Seminar: *The Norwegian northern strategy*

Speaker: Else Berit Eikeland, Norwegian Ambassador to Canada

Saturday, May 28th, 2 – 3:30 pm

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please note the deadline for scholarships is May 15, applicants must be related to a member in good standing.



Photos

We have placed some electronic photo albums in our display case just before the bar at the SCCS. We encourage you to take some photos at our events to display in this medium.

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