



# The Phoghorn



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## **Next Meeting**

To be held Wednesday April 18th 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Boys and Girls Club. The speaker will be Capt. Al Soppitt, CEO Saint John Port Corporation, who will be updating us on the Port in general with emphasis on future plans.

## **Last Meeting**

President Dave Fraser opened the meeting at 10 a.m. with the singing of O Canada. We then had an Irish flavoured sing song in St Paddy's honour. Clarence Blois gave us his world famous rendition of 'Danny boy' leaving those of Irish decent with tears in their eyes and the rest of us in total awe.

## **President's Remarks**

President Dave reported that there were no new sick members to the best of his knowledge, always welcome news.

A Probus banner was discussed and it was unanimously approved that we purchase one for \$125. A sugaring off party was also discussed and the phone committee will solicit members when details are finalized.

## **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes were duly read by Secretary Robert Taylor and approved unanimously.

## **Treasurers Report**

Ed Creaser circulated the audited report for year 2006 and made a few explanatory points in response to questions. He reported that we currently have a bank balance of \$1380.43 and that 21 members were still outstanding on their 2006/ 2007 dues. Members who haven't yet paid their 2006/2007 dues can mail them to the Treasurer at the address below the Phoghorn masthead ,cheques only please as this obviates making receipts.

## **Rendezvous 2008**

Lorne MacGuigan updated us with a further report and said the Agreement was finalized. Subsequent to this meeting there was a meeting of all the various committees at Riverside during which we started to get down to the details of the program. I've subsequently learned that the committee is now in receipt of the promised seed money from Probus Canada.

## **Shaggy Dog Story Competition**

Members were reminded of this competition. To date only two entries have been received, so in light of this the judging will not take place till later. So dig out those Shaggy Dog stories and get in on the allegedly fabulous prize.

House Manager Gordon Moulard (acting unpaid) solicited for lunch and got 24 responses.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 for coffee.

After Coffee Gordon Young introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Peter McGill, who drew the winning 60/40 ticket of Bill Nase worth \$153, the monies being donated to the B&GC.

Mr. McGill then proceeded to give us a well illustrated talk on the Community College system in New Brunswick, and the Saint John Campus in particular. Mr. McGill is a very persuasive speaker on the merits of the Community college system and we are indeed fortunate to have such a dynamic man in charge here in Saint John. If all plans come to fruition we can expect to see some good developments locally and provincially. He stressed the support he is getting from local industries and urged us as community members to support his efforts.

After fielding a considerable number of questions Peter was thanked by Gordon Young and presented with a gift certificate courtesy of the Mediterranean Restaurant. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 hrs.

## Now for the Funnies

In NB as you know spring is always eagerly awaited after the long, cold winters. A few years ago when I arrived at work one day in mid-March, I noticed a sign gaily decorated with flowers and butterflies. It read: "Think Spring." The first day of spring blew in with a snowstorm and freezing temperatures however, and another flowery sign was posted. This time the message read: "Forget Spring. Think Summer."

### Two Little Leprechauns

Two little leprechauns went off to St Mary's convent and begged an audience with the Mother Superior. "Well, how can I help you little folk?" asked the Mother Superior. The larger and more intelligent looking of the leprechauns asked "Well, Mother Superior, would you be a knowing any midget nuns here at the convent?" "Afraid not," replies Mother Superior, "there are no midget nuns here" "All right then, would you be knowing of any midget nuns in all of Ireland then?" "Well, no," replied Mother Superior, "none that I know of." "Well then, in the whole world of nuns, would you know of any Midget nuns?" "No, I wouldn't - there are no midget nuns in the whole of the world!" said Mother Superior, "and would you please tell me what this is all about?" The asking leprechaun turned sadly to the other leprechaun and said "Well, I told you so...Sure and if you haven't been dating a Penguin."

A scientist was successful in cloning himself, and was asked to speak at a national convention of cloning scientists. The meeting room was located on the 45th floor of a New York skyscraper. "My fellow scientists," he began. But before he could utter another word, the clone jumped up and shouted, "he's a \*&^^%\*(@)&!". Apologizing for the interruption, the scientist began again, "My fellow scientists,". Again the clone sprang to his feet and yelled, "this dumb \*%@(&+\*! couldn't produce a copy on a Xerox. He's a fraudulent \*\$3%\$#\*#+=!". Incensed, the scientist rushed to the clone, grabbed him, and threw him out of the window. The crowd gasped and security rushed into the room. A short while later New York's finest arrived and the events that had transpired were explained to them. The police chief said to the scientist, "We are going to have to arrest you." The scientist replied, "For what? You can't arrest me for killing a clone!". The attending scientists nodded in agreement. "Well!" retorted the police chief. He thought for a moment and ordered the scientist held for "Making an obscene clone fall..."

One day in the jungle a chimpanzee invented some tools to eat his dinner. One tool was a flat stick sharpened along one edge, this he used to cut his food. The other was a stick with four smaller sticks attached to the end each sharpened to a point. He used this to spear his food and place it in his mouth. The chimp was very proud of his inventions which he called his one point tool and his four point tool. One day he awoke to find that the four point tool was missing. The chimp was distraught. He ran around the jungle trying to find his precious tool. First he came upon the lion. "Lion, Lion!" he cried, "Have you seen my four point tool?" "No. Replied the lion, I have not seen your four point tool." Then the chimp came upon the jaguar. "Jaguar, Jaguar! he cried, Have you seen my four point tool?" "Yup!" replied the jaguar, "I have seen your four point tool." "Well where is it?" inquired the chimp. "I ate it." Said the jaguar, smugly. "Why would you do that?" Cried the chimp. "Because," replied the big cat, "I am a four point tool eater Jaguar!" Ohhhh yes Shaggy, very Shaggy !