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DON'T MISS FEBRUARY'S BREAKFAST MEETING

We are extremely fortunate to have noted Canadian author, entertainer and storyteller, Jack Whyte as our February speaker.



Jack's latest book, the first of a trilogy based on the Knights Templar, Knights of the Black and White, was released by Viking Press—the hardcover edition of Penguin Books Canada—in September, 2006. According to the Globe & Mail, after having been on sale for only three months, the novel achieved number 16 on the

top 100 list of books sold in Canada in 2006.

Jack was born and raised in Scotland, and educated in England and France. He immigrated to Canada from the UK in 1967 as a teacher of high school English, but he only taught for a year before starting to work as a professional singer, musician, actor and entertainer—a career he followed, one way and another and with many variations, for the next twenty years.

Jack's interest in 5th Century history, the 460-year Roman military occupation of Britain, and Arthurian legend, led to his extremely successful series of novels commencing with the Skystone.

Jack's presentation will use some material from his forthcoming memoir, "Jack Whyte—Forty Years in Canada" which will be published in August/September, 2007.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, February 16, 2007 BREAKFAST MEETING

7:45 am Jack Whyte – Top selling Canadian author, poet, musician, actor, and entertainer.

Golf Tournament

Monday March 5, 2007
Palm Valley Country Club
12:30 Tee-Off. Entry form enclosed

Friday, March 16, 2007 BREAKFAST MEETING

7:45 am Rick Daniels, Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority

Wind Up Party

Wednesday March 21, 2007,
further details to follow

All Breakfast meetings will be held at Desert Falls Country Club, off Country Club near corner of Cook St., Palm Desert, CA starting at 7:45 am

RESERVATIONS: 346-0510 or 340-9706. Members \$14US, non-members \$19US. Tickets will be held at the door.

VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT:
<http://www.desertcdnclub.org>
Jack Whyte – Cont'd

We can look forward to a tongue-in-cheek collection of short essays, illustrated

by narrative poems, reminiscing on the most memorable incidents he has experienced since landing in Athabasca, Alberta, in July 1967, a week before General De Gaulle blurted "Vive le Quebec Libre!" and a month or so before Trudeaumania overwhelmed the entire country.

Jack says "on the downhill political toboggan race since those halcyon days, I have managed to write a whole bunch of narrative poems commemorating some of the most noteworthy highlights from my perspective (not to mention some of the most appalling hiccups) along the way." He will deal with a few of those occasions.

Anybody who has heard Jack speak in the past knows that we are in for a special treat.

If you want to check out more about Jack's books visit his website.

<http://www.camulod.com>

**David Stowe
2007 President**

The club is most fortunate to have Mr. David Stowe as our president in 2007.

David has many years of business experience and served for a number of years on the Vancouver Port Authority, both on the Board and as its chair.

David and his wife Maryanne have been active supporters of the Canadian Club for a number of years.



Our new President, Mr. David Stowe presides over the January meeting.

**January Meeting
Report**

A record 140 people attended our January meeting to hear guest speaker Mr. Bob Keats, founding principal of Keats Connelly and Associates, Inc., highlight the importance of cross border financial planning.

Bob is truly an expert in his chosen field. He is the author of The Border Guide, now in its 8th edition. The book has sold more than 70,000 copies and is considered the definitive and comprehensive cross-border financial tool for Canadians living, working, and investing in the United States.

Bob was introduced by Bryan Ledingham, a past president of our Club, and thanked by Jay Sanderson, who presented Bob with a book setting out the history of the Club, a Canadian

Club Pin, and a framed limited edition watercolor as a token of our appreciation.



The number of questions asked graphically illustrated the interest of our members in the topic and Bob's expertise in the area.

Bob graciously presented three copies of his book to members of the Club selected from the audience.

If you would like more information about Bob or the services offered by his company please visit his website at www.keatsconnelly.com or call him at 1-800-678-5007.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday March 5, 2007
Palm Valley Country Club**

Thanks to the hard work of Bryan Ledingham and his golf committee we are again able to enjoy one of the highlights of the Canadian Club's season, the annual golf tournament.

**DaVinci Exhibit
February 21, 2007**

This mixed 18-hole scramble is a social game for all levels of play. If you wish to attend only the excellent dinner that is possible. You don't want to miss this event.

Please register early, as it is likely to be sold out. An entry form is included with this newsletter.

Act now. The entry form has to be completed and returned with your payment so that is received no later than February 26, 2007.

Your Board has arranged for a one time special price for Canadian Club members on Wednesday, February 21.

A social gathering with hors d'ourves and a no host bar at the Cimarron Golf Course will follow this fascinating exhibit.

If you didn't already indicate interest in attending this event at the January meeting you can still do so. Please call Mr. Larry Tasse at 322-9207 to be notified of the details as the arrangements are concluded.

The price for both the DaVinci Exhibit and the Social gathering is \$20.00 per person payable in advance. You can pay at the February breakfast meeting but you will have to let Larry know that you wish to attend before that.

**Lets Go Hiking
February 20, 2007**

Another activity that will be proceeding is a hike in the Mecca Hills led by local hiking expert and author Mr. Phillip Ferranti. If you participated in last year's Canadian Club Hike, which Phillip also led, you will know how much fun that was.

Again, if you didn't express interest at the January meeting but now would like to participate please call Herb Schlotter at 321-4155 or Jay Sanderson at 327-2673.

This year the hike will go to the Rainbow Canyon area in the Mecca Hills. You will enjoy an exhilarating overview of the Salton Sea (if it is a clear day) so you might want to bring a camera.

After the hike those that wish will likely go for a bite to eat, which is always a great way to reward yourself after some exercise.

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1. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES** for 2007
Single: \$15.00 US, Family \$25.00 US. Questions 324-4822 amount enclosed: _____

2. **FEBRUARY 16, 2007 BREAKFAST MEETING.** Desert Falls Country Club, 111 Desert Falls Parkway, Palm Desert. Tickets will be held at the door. Reservations 346-0510 or 340-9706 amount enclosed: _____

3. **"20 YEARS IN THE DESERT"** \$10 US per copy. The Book highlights the Canadian Club's first 20 years. All proceeds go to Coachella Valley charities. Your copy is held for you at the breakfast meeting. Questions: 321-3367. amount enclosed: _____

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