

2022-23 Campaign Speakers

- **September 27, Robert Baines:** *NATO Goals & Canada's Role*
- **October 25, Jean Paul Gladu:** *Indigenous Reconciliation from an Economic and Business Point of View*
- **November 29, Ted Barris:** *Battle of the Atlantic: Gauntlet to Victory*
- **January 31, Bev Moir & Dr. Alex Louie:** *Why Lung Cancer should be on your Radar*
- **February 28, John Anderson Fraser:** *The Monarchy in Canada: an update*
- **March 28, Ken Powell:** *Civilizations Collide in the Search for a Northwest Passage*
- **April 25, Dr Chris Twigge-Molecey:** *Understanding China's global ambitions and the Belt and Road Initiative*

Speaker Line-up for Fall 2023

- **September 26, Iain Dobson**
– Co-Founder Strategic Regional Research Alliance
The Impact of Remote Work on Cities Iain will talk about how fact-based planning will ensure the future of our cities.
- **October 31, Steve Paikin** – Broadcaster, Journalist, Author
John Turner: An Intimate Biography of Canada's 17th Prime Minister Steve draws on unprecedented access to Turner's personal and public papers to share how John kept his faith in Canadian democracy despite the challenges of his career.
- **November 28, Bob Medland**
– Commodore (2021-22), Cruising Club of America
The Bermuda Race Bob will recount the history and future of one of the world's iconic ocean yacht races. Running biennially from Newport to Bermuda, this passage, through often very challenging weather and often maddening ocean currents, is seen as a rite of passage for generations of sailors on the East Coast.



Whiff of Grape
Toronto Chapter

2023 June Bash RCYC Island Clubhouse Monday, June 5, 2023



THE ROYAL CANADIAN YACHT CLUB

Our Mission

"To create an atmosphere in an environment where Members and their Guests can enjoy an evening of rewarding social interaction, fine cuisine, wine and the opportunity to learn from a stimulating Speaker."

Great Speakers, Great Fellowship, Great Fun!

Your 2022-23 Junta

Why Whiff of Grape...?

The words “Give them a whiff of grapeshot”, popularly ascribed to young Brigadier General Napoleon Bonaparte in connection with his suppression of the royalist forces threatening the French National Convention in 1795, are said to have been part of his instructions to his sous-lieutenant Joachim Murat. In fact, the phrase ‘whiff of grapeshot’ was more likely first penned decades later by essayist and historian Thomas Carlyle in his work *The French Revolution: A History*.

The *mitraille* or shrapnel fired at the rebel forces from as many as 40 carefully placed cannon on that October day was hardly “a whiff”. The resulting slaughter of as many as three hundred royalists brought a definitive end to the Revolution and immediately made Napoleon a hero to the French.

Nevertheless, the very English term, ‘whiff’, suggesting little more than a ‘sting’, was embraced by the founding organization to represent the good-natured irreverence and impertinence with which members are invited to confront the club’s speakers during a lively question period following each presentation.

Brief History of the Whiff

The Whiff of Grape was formed in Montreal in 1963 by a group of young men belonging to the now defunct *Young Progressive Conservatives Club*. Initially, the organization featured internal debates between members and later invited outside speakers to voice their opinions followed by a lively debate. Special attention was given to inviting speakers with controversial topics. The Toronto chapter, *The Whiff of Grape Social Club Inc.*, was established in 1967 and met for over 50 years at *The Badminton & Racquet Club*. As the Toronto Whiff begins its fifty seventh campaign, its objectives remain the same: Fellowship and Intellectual Stimulation.

The group gathers seven times a year during the fall, winter and spring for cocktails and dinner, and to listen and respond to a guest speaker’s presentation on almost any subject of interest and relevance to the members and their guests. (In the pursuit of the club’s objectives, the appreciation of good wines is entirely incidental.) Family and friends are welcome as guests at all meetings.

CHAIR	Henry “Mac” Borden
CHAIR (EMERITUS)	John A. Paterson Sr
SECRETARY	Bill Kinnear
MEMBERSHIP	Jim Cairncross Peter Baines
SPEAKERS	Brian Westlake
TECHNOLOGY	Ron Foreman Ian Brown
TREASURER	Charles MacRae
LOGISTICS	Peter Baines Stuart McKay

37 New Members (Since 2019)

Jon Allen	David Glue	Jean-Luc Major
Ken Bahen	Norman Hardie	Bill McNaughton
Aubrey Baillie	Harold Hetherington	Douglas McWhirter
Robin Barstow	Michael Innis	Anthony Miller
Bob Blair	Dale Jeffries	David Murray
Hank Bulmash	Trevor Jones	Dave Pelletier
Michael Charles	Tim Kennish	Paul Potvin
George Denier	Andrew Kirsch	Peter Seybold
Peter Douglas	Willem Kwant	Albert Steenburgh
Ian Farquharson	Gil Lamothe	Christopher Turney
Tom Fischer	Philip MacDonnell	Richard White
Warren Finlay	Michael Mackey	Nor Yeretsian
John Fraser		

In Memoriam – Donations (Since 2019)

2019	Susan Lynn Dunster Borden	The Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care
2020	Michael James McQuaid	The Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care
	Anna McCowan-Johnson	The National Ballet School
2021	John Frank Ricketts	The Dolly Parton Imagination Library
2022	Maria Encarnita Gardner	The Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care
	Marilyn Frances Milnes	Sunnybrook Hospital Fdn - Ophthalmology
	Peter Boisseau Hatcher	Georgian Bay Forever
	John Edward Deeks	The Alzheimer Society of Toronto
2023	Harold Gordon Knight	Diabetes Canada