

# CIBPA Chronicles

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## Spring 2004 CIBPA Dinner Thursday, May 13th Valhalla Inn Ballroom



*Mr. Michael Yhip, CFA, Vice President, RBC Capital Markets*  
"THE GLOBAL ECONOMY"

*Mr. Yhip is with RBC Capital Markets, the Investment Banking arm of the Royal Bank Financial Group, and is responsible for interest rate derivative product distribution for the Canadian middle market business. Michael works closely with Account Managers across Canada to develop custom tailored and structured debt solutions for clients. Over the past 3 years, Michael has been involved in hundreds of transactions for clients from a large cross-section of industries. Previous to joining RBC Capital Markets, Michael worked at another financial institution as a Debt Origination professional assisting large corporate and public sector clients raise funds in the Canadian and US bond markets.*

### Admission

Members – No Charge  
Non-Members – \$45.00

### Reservations

Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.

### Tickets

Contact any board member.

### RSVP

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**THE GREATEST  
DISCOVERY OF  
MY GENERATION  
IS THAT A  
HUMAN BEING  
CAN ALTER HIS  
LIFE BY  
ALTERING HIS  
ATTITUDES OF  
MIND.**

**WILLIAM JAMES  
(1842 - 1910)**

**T**he CIBPA Fall 2003 dinner held on Thursday, October 23rd, 2003 at the Italian Cultural Centre, was held in conjunction with the Chair of Italian Studies of Lakehead University. It was a momentous occasion as authors that contributed literary works in the book *In Their Footsteps* were recognized and given a prize for being chosen first within their age category.

A special thank you to all attendees, spouses and guests for their support of such a memorable evening.



*Back row - Left to right - John Potestio, Renato Pullia, Rita Pradisitto, John Bonotiglio, Lynda Covello;  
Front row - Left to right - Deanna DiGregorio, Enzo DiGregorio, Lorianna Costanzo*



## CALENDAR

**SPRING DINNER**  
Thursday, May 13th  
Valhalla Inn Ballroom

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**  
May 15th

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Thursday, July 22  
Whitewater Golf Club

**FESTA ITALIANA**  
Sunday, August 1  
& Monday, August 2  
Italian Cultural Centre

**BOCCE TOURNAMENT**  
Saturday, Nov. 6  
DaVinci Centre

**CURLING TOURNAMENT**  
Saturday, Feb. 12  
Port Arthur Curling Club

# President's Message

What do Spring, Hockey Playoffs and CIBPA have in common? They are all good reasons to celebrate past and future successes. I'd like to thank the many volunteers and participants that made our Fall and Winter Sports (Bocce and Curling) a great success.

Last year we heard from our National President Bill Clementi and his enthusiasm to grow CIBPA across this great nation of ours. He has done just that, we boast 13 chapters with Winnipeg, Sault Ste Marie and Kamloops being the most recent. I'd like to thank our board members Peter Niccoli, Franco Crupi and Renato Pullia for taking a lead role in supporting Winnipeg and Sault Ste Marie their recent events; hence another reason why Thunder Bay is the heart of Canada.

We also heard from Dr. Fred Gilbert President of Lakehead University. He shared with us his vision of Lakehead University and the local community coming together for a stronger Thunder Bay.

This Spring we kick off the year with Michael Yhip CFA, Vice President, RBC Capital Markets. Michael is with RBC Capital Markets the Investment Banking arm of the Royal Bank Financial Group and is responsible for global financial products for the Canadian middle market business. Michael works closely with account managers across Canada to develop custom tailored and structured debt solutions for clients. Over the past 3 years, Michael has been involved in many transactions for clients from a large cross section of industries. Previous to

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2003 - 2005



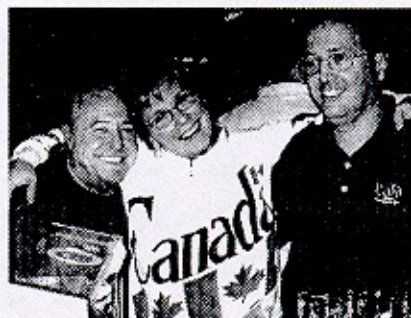
joining RBC Capital Markets, Michael worked at another financial institution as a debt origination professional assisting large corporate and public sector clients raise funds in the Canadian and US bond markets. As many of you may know the bond markets have taken on a greater role in economic policy and pricing at many Canadian banks. Thursday May 13 we welcome Michael and his views on the global economy.

Thank you to all members and especially to the new members. I welcome you to another great year of CIBPA camaraderie that our children will be proud of.

# BOCCE BALL!

Once again, this year's event turned out to be a spectacular tournament, and taken in great spirit. We are grateful to those who participated and to our many sponsors, for the success of these events would not be possible without the support of those that donate both gifts and time. We thank you, and hope to continue seeing you all at future events.

Congratulations to the winners – Team #15 – Guy Wolframe, John Scaffeo, Pierino Maletta, and Bruno DiGregorio



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and professional  
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people together in  
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encourages the  
development of  
business contacts  
while strengthening  
cultural awareness.*

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# CURLING

Apart from many other things, the CIBPA events create one definite thing – memories.

There is never a shortage of fun, laughter and absolute enjoyment. Some face the agony of defeat, while others bask in the thrill of victory. The camaraderie springs to life and the evening sun sets with a wonderful meal. And as with all of our events, sponsors who donate gifts add all that very important touch ó a piece of the game that says “you are acknowledged for your participation”.

We congratulate the winners – Team #11, Jennifer Carey, Joe DeSousa, Giovanni Vita, John Simprel – and we thank all of the sponsors and all the volunteers for helping to create memories.



## CURLING SPONSORS

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• Kathy Erickson

*Thunder Bay Community Auditorium*

• Bob Halverson

*Valhalla Inn*

• Edward Meijer

*Victoriaville Hair Design & Esthetics*

• Marisa Talarico

*Victoriaville Hair Design & Esthetics*

• Peter Pullia

*West Fort William Credit Union*

• Darryl Bown

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684-8381

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626-5187

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473-6411

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623-4944

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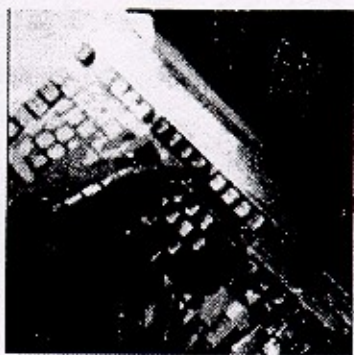
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**ANDREW SCHOOLER**

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# CIBPA THUNDER BAY



## ***Eleven Years and Growing!***

*The CIBPA brings people together in an atmosphere that encourages the development of business contacts while strengthening cultural awareness.*

## **CIBPA Thunder Bay Objectives**

To serve as a voice of the Canadian Italian business and professional community of Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario;

To initiate and foster programs and activities for the betterment of the Italian Canadian community in Thunder Bay, Northwestern Ontario and Canada.

To promote and strengthen the image of the Italian Canadian community within Thunder Bay, Northwestern Ontario and Canada;

To provide a wide range of opportunities for business, professional and personal growth through lectures, seminars, workshops and membership networking;

To serve as a source of continuing input to all levels of government on issues of concern to the Italian Canadian business and professional community;

To be a vehicle for providing public recognition to individual Italian Canadians for outstanding business and professional achievements and community service work; and,

To pursue any other purposes that are consistent with these objectives.



## **Membership Privileges**

TWO DINNERS ANNUALLY  
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ON CIBPA'S WEBSITE  
NEWSLETTERS FROM CIBPA THUNDER BAY  
INVITATIONS TO ANNUAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## **Fees**

NEW - \$110  
RENEWAL - \$85  
NEW STUDENT - \$70  
STUDENT RENEWAL - \$45