

# CIBPA Chronicles

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## Spring 2005 CIBPA Dinner

Thursday, May 5th

6:00pm Networking • 7:00pm Dinner  
Whitewater Golf Club



*Ewan Downie, President & CEO*  
WOLFDEN RESOURCES INC.

A graduate of Churchill Highschool in Thunder Bay Ewan Downie attended Seneca College in Toronto (Commercial Diving) and Lakehead University (Business Administration).

He founded Vtyl Exploration Services in 1989, a service exploration company that provided a wide variety of exploration services to mining companies including Placer Dome and Noranda. He later sold Vtyl to participate in the seed financing of Wolfden Resources.

Wolfden is widely regarded as one of the more "Senior" Junior exploration companies that has had high exploration success on numerous company projects. In 2004, the Wolfden Exploration team was awarded the "Bill Dennis Prospector of the Year Award" by the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada for Canadian Discovery of the year - one of the most prestigious awards in the mining industry. Wolfden is a Thunder Bay based mineral exploration company. In fact, it is the only Thunder Bay based company that trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Fully financed with more than \$30 Million in working capital and no debt, Wolfden explores primarily for gold and copper in Canada and has several advanced stage projects in Ontario, Manitoba and Nunavut. Several of these projects are in the advanced stages of exploration prior to feasibility and production decisions being made.

Ewan Downie, President and CEO, is one of the founding members of Wolfden that was created as an IPO (Initial Public Offering) and became a public issuer in 1999.

The company began trading at \$0.25 per share, peaked at \$7.70 in 2003 and has recently traded in the \$3-\$4 range.

**WE ARE EACH OF  
US ANGELS WITH  
ONLY ONE WING,  
AND WE CAN  
ONLY FLY BY  
EMBRACING ONE  
ANOTHER.**

**- LUCIANO DE  
CRESCENZO**

### Admission

Members – No Charge  
Non-Members – \$50.00

### Reservations

Tables of 8 can be purchased and reserved in advance.

### Tickets

Contact any board member.

### RSVP

Silvio DiGregorio  
Tel. 623-1855  
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# President's Message

Saverio Prete  
CIBPA President  
2003 - 2005



## CALENDAR

### SPRING DINNER

Thursday, May 5th  
Whitewater Golf Club

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, July 14

### FESTA ITALIANA

Sunday, July 31  
& Monday August 1  
Italian Cultural Centre

### FALL DINNER MEETING

October

### BOCCE TOURNAMENT

November, DaVinci Centre

Last year I asked what do Spring, Hockey Playoffs and CIBPA have in common? This year the answer is Spring and CIBPA's dinner are annual occurrences – Hockey Playoffs on the other hand, less likely.

I would like to thank the many volunteers and participants that made our Fall and Winter Sports (Bocce and Curling) a great success. Please take the time to read the names of the sponsors listed in this issue. The next time you shop make a concerted effort to offer them your support. A big THANK YOU to our sponsors.

Last Spring we heard Michael Yhip from RBC Royal Bank share his views on the economy, interest rates and how

to manage these uncertainties. Anna-Maria from the Italian Chamber of Commerce (Winnipeg) showed us the many opportunities for commerce with Italy and shared some local success stories.

Last Fall Dr. Bruce Strang from Lakehead University kicked off a speaker series sponsored the Chair of Italian Studies. Dr. Strang shared his research on Italy's post war recovery and how Italy turned itself around at the brink of financial disaster. We were pleased to host the speaker series kick off for the Chair of Italian Studies and encourage you to offer them continued support.

My term as president comes to an end this May and we will

announce the new Board at the Spring dinner set for Thursday May 5 at White Water Golf Club. It's been an honour to serve as your President. I look forward to toasting with you in May.

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

Sincerely,  
Saverio Prete, President

**Whitewater GOLF CLUB**

**2005 CIBPA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY**

**THURSDAY JULY 14 2005**

## Bocce!

Once again the annual CIBPA Bocce Tournament, held at the DaVinci Centre was a resounding success with a great time enjoyed by all participants.

Congratulations to the 2004 winning team, comprised of:

SALVATORE VETERE  
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*All members are  
invited to submit  
articles for this  
newsletter to be  
considered for  
publication"*

# The Ice Capades

## 2005 CURLING FUNSPIEL



### 2004 CHAMPIONS

- Saverio Prete
- Jodey Burnell
- Allison Kasper



*There seems to be a  
lot of strategy going  
on... but not a lot of  
sweeping!*

## 2003-2005 Board of Directors

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## New Members

PAUL ZANANDRA  
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# History of the CIBPA



The Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association (CIBPA) was founded in Montreal in 1949. Shortly thereafter, a chapter in Toronto was chartered in 1952 and officially incorporated on December 21, 1956. It was originally named the Canadian Italian Businessmen's Association (CIBA). However, in recognition of the many Italian Canadians who were joining the professions and the number of women entering the business and professional worlds, the name was later changed to "Canadian Italian Business and Professional Association".

The reasons behind the Association's formation are rooted in the difficulties experienced by legions of Italian immigrants seeking to establish themselves in Canadian society. For all too many immigrants, the challenge was finding ways and means of fulfilling the most basic of human needs, such as for food and shelter, as well as transportation and employment. Those difficulties became increasingly more intense following World War II, as ever larger numbers of immigrants arrived in Montreal and Toronto.

Seeing the problems and their effects on so many people, a small group of business and professional people from the Toronto area Italian Canadian community joined together and established the CIBA. According to its Charter, the objectives of the Association were:

1. To undertake fundraising efforts to assist victims of natural disasters (such as the Po Valley flood in 1951)
2. To support charitable organizations
3. To help newly arrived immigrants

In pursuing these objectives, the CIBA also became a crossroad of interaction for its members. As a result, many vigorous business relationships were initiated, which continue to thrive today. These relationships form the primary basis for the Association's continuing vitality.

With its ability to attract talented business and professional people, the Association has been able to serve another important function in the community. It became a key vehicle for bringing people together who had the ability to organize and develop the financial resources needed to launch a number of important community projects. In doing so, it also provided Toronto's growing Italian Canadian community with the leadership necessary to turn project concepts into material realities.

Included among the projects initiated by CIBPA members or ones in which they were major participants were the formation and operation of the Italian Immigrant Aid Society (IIAS); the Centro Organizzativo Scuole Tecniche Italiane (COSTI); the Federazione di Associazioni e Club Italiani (FACI); the Da Vinci Scholarship Foundation; the Italian Canadian Benevolent Corporation (ICBC); Villa Colombo Home for the Aged; Caboto Terrace Apartments for Seniors, and the Columbus Centre. Besides direct or indirect involvement with these larger projects, the CIBPA has generously supported many other charitable causes over the years, both in and outside of the Italian community. Included among these are: Italian Catholic Services, Toronto Western Hospital, Wellesley Hospital, the Canadian Cancer Society, Hospital for Sick Children, Columbus Boys' Camp, and Villa Charities, to mention just a few.

The Italian community in the Toronto area and throughout Canada has expanded significantly since the early 1950s. Changes in the community have been reflected in the Association's membership. In the early years it consisted mainly of men who owned their own small or medium sized businesses and few professionals. Now, both men and women of Italian origin can be found in virtually every area of business and all the professions. This diversity corresponds to the CIBPA's current membership, composed of Italian Canadians from the greater Metropolitan areas and many adjoining cities.

The CIBPA of Toronto is also a charter member of the National Federation of CIBPAs. Along with the Montreal Chapter of the Federation, Toronto spearheaded the expansion of the Federation from two Chapters to twelve. The National Federation now includes Chapters in Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Vancouver, Windsor, Sault Ste. Marie, Winnipeg, and Calgary.

Thunder Bay's chapter was incorporated on May 13, 1993.

A primary function of the Federation is to unite the Italian Canadian business and professional community across Canada, with the further purpose of promoting more business interaction among Canadian Italians throughout the country and providing a stronger and more influential voice for the Italian Canadian business and professional community in our nation's decision-making process.



## 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