

# Shorelines

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## Management Committee

**President:**  
Gord Cook

**Vice President:**  
Terry McLeod

**Secretary:**  
David Walker

**Treasurer:**  
Gordon Adair

**Past President:**  
Darryl Stodalka

**Communications:**  
Steve Wilson

**House:**  
Rick Ryan

**Membership:**  
Dale Douglas

**Speakers:**  
Gordi Moore

**Special Events:**  
Doug Magoon

## Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

*You are Invited to a Celebration of the  
20th Anniversary of Our Probud Club.*

*Following the A.G.M., there will be a presentation of  
the history of our club followed by a complimentary luncheon.*

*9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.*

*West Vancouver Yacht Club, 5854 Marine Drive*

*Please Join Us*

**Pre-registration is required no later than September 4<sup>th</sup>  
RSVP to Doug Magoon at [magoon@telus.net](mailto:magoon@telus.net)**



## Mark Your Calendars with These Important Dates



**October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Margaret Coates, Coordinator, Lionsview Seniors Planning Society, "Ageism"

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** - Roddy MacKenzie, Author, "Bomber Command WW II"

## President's Notes



Our final meeting for this fiscal year is scheduled for Monday, September 11th, at the West Vancouver Yacht Club. This occasion holds special significance as it not only marks our upcoming meeting but also our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and a celebration commemorating our first 20 years as a Probus Club.

Our upcoming 20th Anniversary celebration aims to gather as many of our dedicated charter members as we've been able to connect. We're also pleased to welcome a few presidents from neighboring Probus Clubs, and Probus Canada will be delivering a special presentation to our club. The festivities will encompass a retrospective on our first two decades as a Probus club and will culminate with a complimentary lunch. Although limited seats remain available for those yet to register, it's important to emphasize that preregistration is mandatory to secure your spot. If you haven't completed your registration, you still have the opportunity to do so by contacting Doug Magoon.

Additionally, please keep in mind that our fiscal year aligns with our membership year. If you haven't already, now presents the perfect moment to renew your membership. An additional note: since our 20th Anniversary celebration follows the Annual General Meeting (AGM), only members who have renewed their membership for the upcoming year will be eligible to participate in this milestone event.

This meeting marks my final session as your president. Looking back, I'm filled with a strong sense of honour and gratitude for the trust placed in me as president. I've worked diligently to nurture our club's vitality and hope that my efforts have contributed, even in a small way, to its long-term sustainability.

This wouldn't have been possible without the steadfast support of our dedicated Management Committee. Each member took on the responsibility of overseeing a particular club activity with self-assuredness, requiring minimal involvement from me. While some will continue on the committee next year, others, after years of service, will be stepping down. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of them.

*Gord Cook, President*

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## AGM Materials

**All materials for the AGM on September 11<sup>th</sup> will be sent to members prior to the AGM. Please review these items listed below as hard copies will not be provided.**

**The 2023/2024 Management Committee proposed slate, to be elected, is included on page 4 of this newsletter. The AGM materials include:**

- an Agenda,
- 2023 Annual Report,
- Draft Minutes from the September 12th, 2022 Annual General Meeting and
- Financial Statements as at August 31, 2023

## New Members Introduced and Welcomed at August Meeting



**Ian Rose-Innes** is from South Africa and has resided on the North Shore since 2001. Ian earned his Civil Engineer degree in South Africa and subsequently a Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois. He has worked as a consulting engineer with Knight Piesold, Dayton and Knight, and Opus International in South Africa, Greece, Malawi, BC, and Alberta. Ian's interests include cycling, bridge, skiing, travel and Fit Fellows.

## Special Events

### Seymour Salmonid Society Fish Hatchery Tour

Arvind Thakore of the Special Events Committee will be hosting a Probus Club excursion on September 15<sup>th</sup> to the fish hatchery operated by the Seymour Salmonid Society just below the Seymour Falls Dam on the Seymour River. The purpose of the society and its hatchery is to enhance fish stocks that were adversely impacted when construction of the Seymour Falls Dam cut off access to traditional spawning ground for the four salmonid species that spawn in the river system.

Tour is scheduled to begin at the hatchery at 10:30 am and will last about 2 1/2 hours followed by lunch at Medley's Grill restaurant at the Holiday Inn on Lillooet Street. Travel to the hatchery must be by bus. A West Vancouver Seniors Activity Centre bus will be utilized.

This will be an interesting and informative tour. Please contact Arvind Thakore to participate and for tour details. Space is limited but there are still seats available.

*Doug Magoon, Chair Special Events Committee*



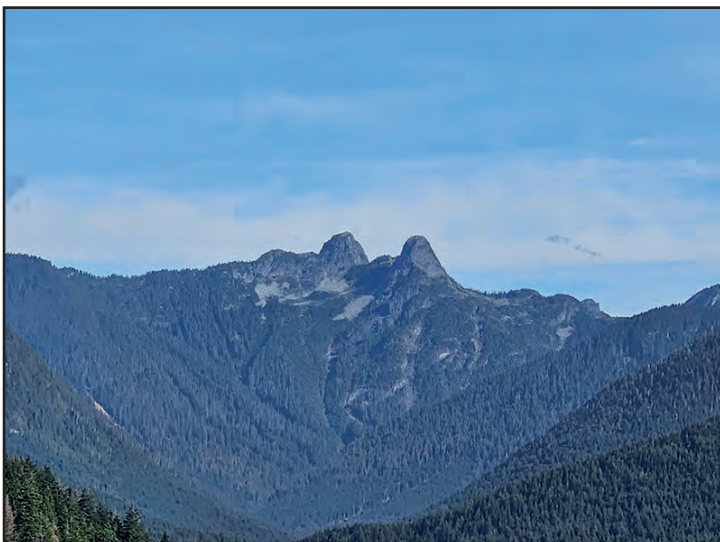
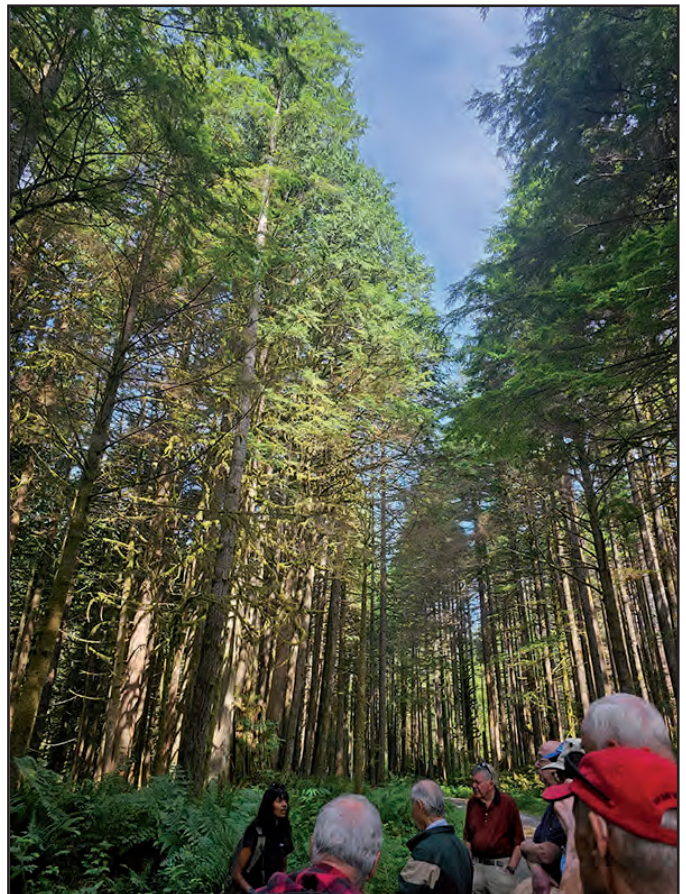
## July 27<sup>th</sup> Capilano Watershed Tour Report

The Capilano Watershed tour was held on July 27th. It was hosted by Metro Vancouver staff who did an excellent job on this trip. There were 21 Probus members on the bus which took us deep into the Watershed area that is permanently closed to the public except for these special tours. We started off talking about the Cleveland Dam and Capilano Reservoir and why they are a crucial part of the water source for all the GVRD. Once we finished this discussion, we boarded a school bus and went 30 minutes up a closed road to the far end of the reservoir where we saw the tiny Capilano River feeding the reservoir. In this area there are still old housing foundations, old gear mechanisms, sluice remains and a heating furnace to keep the old water source from freezing. This was the original source for Vancouver's water from a century ago.

Then we boarded the bus again and drove a further hour into the watershed to Rodger's Lake which is a holding lake for the reservoir. When water is needed, valves are opened and water flows into the reservoir. Far above Rodger's Lake is Palisade Lake, another holding lake for water when needed. When water is needed from Palisade Lake, a helicopter is deployed and watershed employees need to manually open a valve in the middle of a mountain. Our water supply is one of the best in the world and it was interesting to see how it all works as an integrated system.

An interesting Q and A session was held and the Probus members asked a number of probing questions. Once we returned to the Dam, we went to lunch at the Cantina Norte restaurant in Edgemont Village. The Mexican food was delicious and the camaraderie was even better. We all had a wonderful time and we learned a lot about our water sources and systems.

*Alastair Campbell.*



Our website has more photos in the photogallery section at <https://www.probus-northshorevancouver.ca/photogallery/> You can enlarge the “thumb-nail photo” by simply clicking on it.



## 2023/2024 Proposed Management Committee (to be elected)



**Terry McLeod**  
President\*



**Rick Ryan**  
Vice-President\*



**David Walker**  
Secretary\*



**Gordon Adair**  
Treasurer\*



**Darryl Stodalka**  
Chair: Communications\*



**Alex Campbell**  
Chair: House



**Vacant**  
Chair: Membership



**Gordi Moore**  
Chair: Speakers\*



**Steve Wilson**  
Chair: Special Events\*

### Additional Member Not Requiring Election

**Gordon Cook, Past President\***

\* Member of the 2022-2023 Management Committee

**Note: Nominations for the Management Committee closed on August 28, 2023. No further nominations were received.**

**Terry McLeod** (*Member July 2019*) Terry was born in Vancouver and has resided in West Vancouver for 38 years. He graduated from UVIC in science. His career spanned marketing Technical Resource Software and branch management with Computer Sciences Canada. He now enjoys volunteering at Vancouver Aquarium. He was also a Rotarian 12 years.

**Rick Ryan** (*Member February 2022*) Rick, a native of Calgary, has lived on the North Shore for over fifty years. He holds a BA in Sociology and a diploma in therapeutic Recreation. His work experience includes being the CEO for over 35 years of the CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, BC and Greater Vancouver.

**David Walker** (*Member May 2009*) David's career involved managing major capital projects across Canada. Local projects included the expansion of the Vancouver Convention Centre, the Millennium Line and the BC Cancer Research Centre. He has a passion for photography and astronomy. Dave served as President previously during 2016 to 2017.

**Gordon Adair** (*Member December 2008*) Gordon's career for 57 years was in Finance and Accounting and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and a FCPA (Fellow of the CPA's), is a board member of the Coho Society of the North Shore for 30+ years. He was also a former partner at Deloitte and Director of Finance at ICBC.

**Darryl Stodalka** (*Member September 2005*) Darryl's career in Information Technology took him from government in Edmonton to the oil patch in Calgary and on to Vancouver in the insurance industry. Darryl and his wife have lived in West Vancouver for over 35 years. When joining PROBUS he helped the Club go digital contributing to lowering dues.

**Alex Campbell** (*Member March 2023*) Alex received an Honours Science degree in Computing and Information and a CA degree. He has worked in the insurance business with Intact Insurance as National Surety VP, The Guarantee Co. of North America as Western Regional General Manager and National Surety VP and with Clarkson Gordon accountants.

**Gordi Moore** (*Member March 2008*) : Gordi has been retired since 1992 after 35 years in the family electrical services and contracting business. For 7 years after retirement he taught courses on starting your own small business and creating effective business plans. He was also a Facilitator for Elder College for about 6 years. Gordi lives in West Vancouver with his wife Alice. He also enjoys lawn bowling at the West Vancouver Lawn Bowling Club,

**Steve Wilson** (*Member December 2018*) Steve career included Executive Director, BC Securities Commission; President HSBC Mutual Funds, VP HSBC Bank Canada; President TD Venture Capital Group, Assistant GM TD Bank. He has 16 years as a volunteer/ Chair/ Board Member with Junior Achievement of BC;

## Last Month Speaker Tyler Zickel

### Probus Presentation August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 TYLER ZICKEL, Manager Media Relations Vancouver Canadians Baseball Club

Tyler began by apologizing for not being in attendance, as he was requested last minute to accompany the team to Eugene Oregon ( by the Canadians major league affiliate, the Toronto Blue Jays ). He described this in baseball terminology as a “curve ball”.

Tyler is a graduate of Whittier College, Whittier California where he co-founded the Whittier College Sports Network. This led to an apprenticeship position with the Lake Elsinore Storm; followed by a full time position with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, where he made his professional pay by play announcer debut in 2015. He was furloughed in 2019 by COVID, but happened to be on the west coast in early 2020 when the Blue Jays had to play all their games in Hillsborough Oregon due to border restrictions, and he joined the organization. The Canadians returned to Nat Bailey in 2022 as a single A affiliate of the Blue Jays and has been with the team ever since.

He then provided a summary of how minor league baseball works: there are 120 teams across North America, almost all in the US and the majority east of the Mississippi. Each of the 30 major league teams has four minor league affiliates; one in each of the minor league levels. This structured so as to produce a smooth means of developing player talent within each organization.

The Vancouver Canadians, the only minor league team in Canada, are privately owned, having been purchased by Diamond Baseball Holdings in 2011. The team has along history in Canada, having been known over the years as The Veterans, Beavers, Capilanos, Maple Leafs, Mounties and Canadians. Nat Bailey opened in 1951 as Capilano Stadium, and the current version of The Canadians came to Vancouver in 2000. While it is extremely difficult to get to the major leagues ( only a small fraction of players make it ) over 200 Canadians graduates have made it over the years and currently The Canadians have 8 Of the top 30 prospects in the minor leagues ( remember there are 120 teams ! ) The Canadians became an affiliate of the Blue Jays in 2011.

The Canadians have a very successful team this year, with a 68 & 39 record so far, the third most winning team in minor league baseball. They are the champions of the first half of the season and will play for the North West League championship September 12-17.

Tyler shared with us his dream job, which is to become the play by play announcer of the San Diego Padres, in his home town.

In closing, he invited any of our members to a tour of

Nat Bailey and a game, with he as host. He can be reached at 619-665-9640.

### Q&A

#### 1. Why are there two separate major leagues; the National and the American?

The National League, often referred to a “The Senior Circuit” is the oldest, dating back to the 1800’s. The American League was formed later and they operated separately for many years until it was realized the would be much more profitable if they merged. They did, and though they remain separate, they are no longer independent; both reporting to Major League Baseball.

#### 2. Is there a chance the Canadians will ever become an AAA team?

There are much smaller cities than Vancouver in America that have AAA teams. It would be huge for Canadian baseball if there was a AAA team here ( as a matter of interest, BC Place was originally intended for a major league team).

#### 3. Is there any effort being made to promote baseball in Canadian academic institutions?

The Canadians have a strong relationship with UBC and an exhibition game is played at UBC each year. The Canadians also support Challenge Baseball, for the disabled.

*Steve Wilson, Chair Communications*



**DON'T FORGET  
TO RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**





Remember when you used to be able to call a person 57 times, and hang up, and they never knew it was you.



**AT MY AGE  
A TRAIL OF  
CLOTHES  
LEADING TO  
THE BEDROOM  
MEANS I  
DROPPED THEM  
ON THE WAY  
FROM THE  
DRYER!**

**The phone my granddaughter has  
(she's six)**



**The phone I had when I was six.**



**PEOPLE ARE EXCITED  
ABOUT THE NEW  
IPHONE BUT NO ONE  
HAS CAUGHT UP WITH  
THE AWESOME  
TECHNOLOGY OF  
USING YOUR BLINKER  
WHEN YOU DRIVE.**



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