

Shorelines

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Bryan McConachy

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Pierre Lebel

Special Events:
Alastair Campbell
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David Walker

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Monday, August 10th, 2026 Meeting

West Vancouver Yacht Club, 5854 Marine Drive,
Coffee at 8:30, Meeting at 9:30, with guest speaker

Brent Gilchrist, CEO Deans Knight Independent Investment, “What it takes to win a Stanley Cup and how that translates to business.”



Brent Gilchrist is known for his exceptional teamwork and leadership, Brent joined Deans Knight in 2024 as CEO, bringing extensive experience in mine finance and investment. He is also President of JDS Resources, the private equity arm of the JDS Group of Companies, where he oversees acquisitions and project financing.

Brent joined JDS Resources in 2012, working closely with founder Jeff Stibbard. Together, they co-founded and led JDS Silver Inc., successfully developing, building, and operating the Silvertip Mine in Northern British Columbia, which was sold to Coeur Mining in 2017. They also co-founded CanMag Industries, which constructed and operated a magnetite production plant sold to the Mount Polley Mine Corporation in 2023.

Before his resource finance career, Brent was a licensed Investment Advisor with RBC Dominion Securities and played 15 seasons in the NHL, winning the Stanley Cup with the Detroit Red Wings in 1998.

Notice of Annual General Meeting
Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 9:30 AM
West Vancouver Yacht Club
5854 Marine Drive, West Vancouver
Followed by Speaker Presentation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



September 14 - AGM and speaker Ralph Sultan

October 5 - Paul Evans, *Canada and China in the Era of Trump 2.0*
Russel Brown, “Legal Landscape in Canada from a Supreme Court Perspective.”

President's Notes



My year as president is just about over and what did our club accomplish? The next issue of Shorelines will include a list of the slate of directors and officers proposed for next year. The good news is that not only did we have members willing to fill those positions, we also recruited several members to form a

functioning speakers committee and recently appointed Pierre Lebel to replace Ron Nalewajek as the director responsible for speakers. Alistair Campbell and his committee continue to do a great job with special events. At the request of a member, we held a special meeting on Urban Wildfires on 22 July. Next month I will address any changes in the board of directors. That's the club's business side.

On the personal side, in late June I made a trip to the Arctic. In the first week, I visited Yellowknife, Inuvik and Tuktoyuktuk where I got to see Canada's third ocean. In my second week, I went to a hiking camp in Avvik National Park where I experienced something most club members are familiar with - agism. There were five hikers going to this camp- me at 83 and the other four in their 40's. They all looked at me with a "what are you doing here" stare. I've seen it before. On day one, none of them talked to me. They posted their plan for an afternoon hike on the bulletin board but didn't include me. I joined them anyhow. When we got to the first steep hill, I tried to show I could keep up. I just about killed myself but got to top in second place. For day 2, I made arrangements with the Parks Canada manager to lead me on the longest hike in the park. Then I posted on the board - two of us leaving at 0830. Now the other hikers had to ask if they could join us. Of course they could. I wasn't last getting to the top of Halfway to Heaven but close. That night one of the four asks "just how old are you" and when I respond they say the usual "gee I hope I can do this when I get that old". The next night I was invited to join the card game so getting accepted. We hiked as a group for the next two days and when we departed, we were all good friends exchanging photos and contact information. Age discrimination will not disappear in our lifetime. Expect it; ignore it.

Bryan McConachy, President

*Happy
British Columbia Day
August 3rd*

Annual General Meeting

Notice

Probud Club of the North Shore Vancouver Annual General Meeting

Date: September 14th 2026 (Monday)
Location: West Vancouver Yacht Club
Time: 9:30 AM
Business: Receive a report from Treasurer
Elect President, Vice President, Immediate
Past President and any nominees for new directors

Last year our Probud club was incorporated as a Not For Profit Organization. Members approved a new constitution and bylaws. Under our new structure, members are to be notified 28 days (minimum) of the date, time and location of the AGM. Also, any nominations for the position of director must be submitted to the nominating committee. (Our club administrator at admin@probud-northshorevancouver.ca, 21 days prior to the AGM. The deadline for nominations, this year, is August 24, 2026)

Bylaw VI # 5 sets the term for directors to be 2 years commencing on the day they were elected. However, the terms of President, Vice President and Immediate Past President terminate after one year.

Directors whose term expires September 2027 are:

Alex Campbell, (Secretary), Gordon Adair, (Treasurer), Darryl Stodalka, Terry McLeod, Humphry Barnikel, Ron Ash, David Walker, Alastair Campbell, Pierre Lebel

The nominating committee proposes the following candidates for directors and club appointments.

Steve Wilson, President,
Chris Hebb, Vice President,
Bryan McConachy, Immediate Past President, and
Derwin Lea. Director

**During the first week of September,
the Following AGM Materials
will be sent to all club members:**

- Agenda
- Minutes of 2025 AGM
- Annual Management Committee Report
- Projected 2027 Year End Financials

Special Events - Howe Sound Geology Tour Review

Howe Sound Geology Tour - July 15, 2026

An enthusiastic group of 19 Probus Club members joined the Geology Tour on July 15th. Led by Lindsay Bottomer, a Club member and Geologist who possesses a wealth of education and knowledge in regards to the rock formations that surround us on the North Shore and up the Sea to Sky highway. We enjoyed stops to view the rock formations and volcanic and glacier history at Eagle Ridge, Porteau Cove, and the Brandywine Falls area. It was a wonderful sunny day to enjoy the beauty of the area we all call home. Following our "rocky adventure" we enjoyed a lunch together in Squamish while taking in the FIFA World Cup match between England and Argentina. View all photos from the tour on our website.

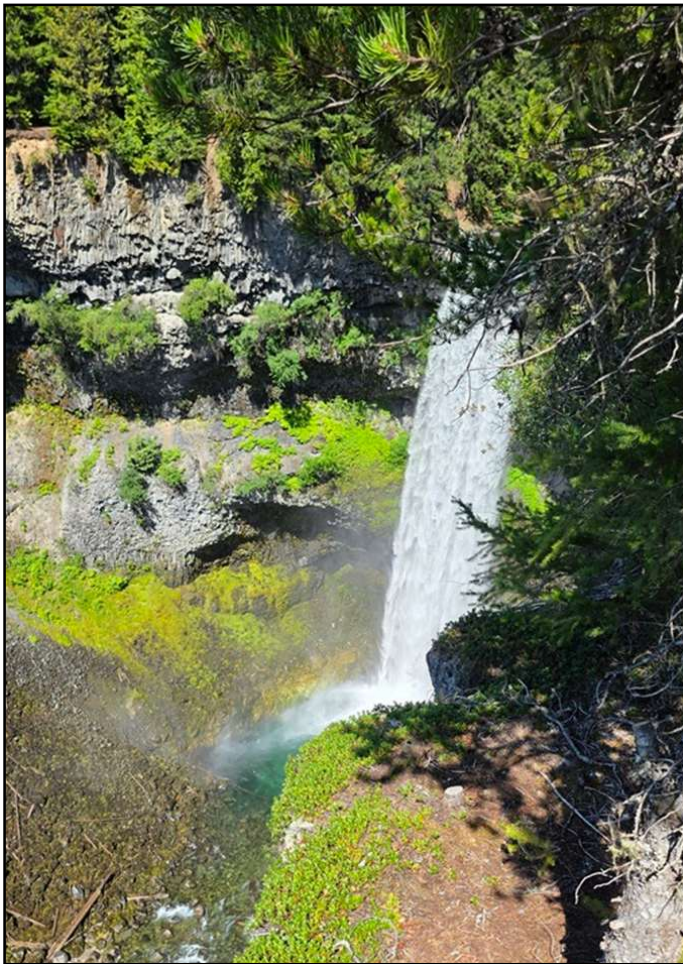
Alastair Campbell, Chair, Special Events Committee



Above Lindsay Bottomer with tour attendees and below they enjoy lunch while watching the FIFA World Cup match.



Geology Tour - Brandy wine Falls



Speaker Michelle Kunimoto Review

Inspired by a DVD of Star Trek's first season, released 30 years before her birth, Michelle Kunimoto embodies the mission of the USS Enterprise. She has boldly ventured where no one has gone before, discovering thousands of exoplanets and candidates.

Her primary tool is NASA's Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS), launched in 2018. TESS generates such vast amounts of data that amateur astronomers and citizen scientists are encouraged to participate in the search for exoplanets.

TESS detects periodic dips in brightness caused by planets passing in front of their host stars. Michelle explained that finding an exoplanet is like observing Vancouver's city center at night from Hope, trying to spot a small decrease in light from a single window, caused by someone briefly closing the blinds.

Michelle's talk was followed by a lively question period. She had clearly taken the room to a place it had never gone before. Might there be planet hunters among our Probus membership joining the more than 50,000 volunteers already engaged in the search?

Pierre Lebel,,Chair, Speakers Committee

Special Events



**STILL A FEW
SPOTS LEFT**

Bard on the Beach

Three Club Event

August 30th

Sunday Matinee

The three Probus clubs are once again joining together to enjoy a performance at Bard on the Beach. This year the play is "The Merry Wives of Windsor" with introduction by Christopher Gaze.

Cost of \$125 includes :

- Ticket to performance
- On-site reception with cash bar
- Lunch catered by Lazy Gourmet
- Bus transportation to and from the event

Spouses, partners and guests are welcome to this event this year. Registration in person at the July 13th general meeting or by email to Arvind Thakore

Registration confirmed by e-transfer to Steve Wilson at email or check payable to North Shore Probus at the August meeting.

Parking and pick-up at Collingwood School, 2605 Wentworth Avenue, West Vancouver at 10:45 am.

Photos from July Meeting



Top Left - President Bryan McConachy thanks speaker Michelle Kunimoto.
Top Right - Pierre Lebel introduces speaker. Below: Members enjoying the presentation.

