

# Shorelines

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## MEETINGS

Third Tuesday  
of each month  
9:30-11:30 a.m.  
(year round)

Hollyburn  
Country Club  
West Vancouver

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**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday September 20, 2005**  
**John Boone**  
**Apiarist**

Dr. John Boone is a cardiologist at St. Paul's Hospital, and was Head of his Department during its rapid expansion 1990-1995. He graduated from U.B.C. and took his specialty training at McGill. He is Professor Emeritus – Medicine, U.B.C.

John is a hobbyist beekeeper and his talk will be on honeybees. He began keeping bees in his teens while growing up on a farm in the Okanagan, and while an undergraduate in Zoology he took time out from his regular studies to earn a Beemaster's Certificate issued jointly by the B.C. Department of Agriculture and U.B.C. (He earned a second Beemaster's Certificate from Simon Fraser University in 1992). He was a Bee Inspector for the Department of Agriculture in the summer of 1959. John is active in the B.C. Honey Producer's Association, having been its communication's officer and is its official archivist.

Dr. Boone is a member of the International Bee Research Association and has been a delegate to national and international scientific meetings on beekeeping.

**Upcoming Speaker**  
**Tuesday, October 18, 2005**  
**Martin Crilly**  
**B.C. Ferries**

**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE**  
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**Our July Speaker, Dr. Les Vertesi  
Introduced by Bob Stewart And thanked by  
President Stu**

Dr. Les Vertesi gave a thought provoking talk on health care in Canada and its present state. Referring to his recently published book “Broken Promises”, he outlined the basic problems we are facing today, how we got to where we are and what he sees as the path forward if we are to fix it.

He described how Medicare in Canada is based on the Dominant Economic Model and has been since the early 1960’s. Its failure and his forecast of ultimate collapse comes from the fact that the Dominant Model is based on managing the human and physical resources rather than being based on the (patient’s) needs and cost of services provided.

Dr Vertesi believes that somewhere out there we need a champion of health care reform who will convince our political leaders that true reform does not consist of simply throwing more money at the problem. Rather it will come from moving away from the Dominant Model ideology to one formulated on market principles through an internal market concept. Far from being opposed to public funding of health care in Canada, he supports it. But on the basis that funding should be based on services provided by all participants within the health care system. This would mean that hospitals would move from today’s global funding to one where revenue would flow from services provided. Not only would this in itself lead to the creation of an internal market characterized by competition and cost control, but most importantly it would place the emphasis on patient needs, i.e. the customer.

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## **BEGINNER’S LUCK?**

For someone who had never fished before, Esio Marzotto started in grand style in August. On a trip to Campbell River with John Leonard, Esio landed three beautiful Springs, 17lbs, 23lbs, and 25lbs. (in 2 days, just in case someone is checking the rules.)

John had to settle for three pinks.

JHL



### **Editor’s Note:**

Do you have a personal story and/or photo you would like to share with Probus members? Please send it to the Shorelines Editor at [esiom@shaw.ca](mailto:esiom@shaw.ca).

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## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting will be held in conjunction with the regular club meeting on Tuesday 20 September 2005 for the purpose of:

1. Electing Officers for the ensuing year;
2. Accepting the Financial Statement for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2005;
3. Giving approval of the Club Constitution and Bylaws, as recently amended; and
4. Considering such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

## **Election of Officers**

The following Members have agreed to stand for the office indicated and are nominated for election to the Management Committee for the year 2005/06.

### **Management Committee**

President ----- Don Brinton  
Vice-President ----- Glenn Ferguson  
Secretary----- Malcolm Nicholson  
Treasurer ----- John Linthwaite

### **Committee Chairs**

Membership ----- Ron Lively  
Programs ----- Brian Cooper  
House ----- Art Eberwein  
Special Events ----- Fraser Grant  
Communications ----- Esio Marzotto

Past President ----- Stu McNeill

Probus Canada Liaison  
& Archivist ----- John Leonard

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## President's Report

The Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver is coming to the end of its second year of operation. We have enjoyed another successful year with many excellent speakers, a number of entertaining outings (from wine tours to Bard on the Beach), a solid membership, with renewals coming in very well and, a healthy bank account.

I would like to formally thank the individuals who have worked so diligently on the various Club committees:

John Leonard, our Past President, who was always available for advice and guidance often from his summer cottage in the interior.

Don Brinton, our VP and one of the founding members of the Club, like John, always available for advice and assistance.

Glenn Ferguson, Treasurer, collected the annual fees and kept the books in good order and a tight rein on expenditures. This year Glenn will take on the VP's responsibilities.

Ron Lively, Secretary, a fine addition to the Management Committee, will take over the job of Membership Chair.

Art Eberwein, House Committee, has had a very busy year looking after member badges, providing the projection equipment for speakers and making certain we had our muffins and coffee. Art will continue for another year.

Brian Cooper, Program Chair, has maintained a superior standard of quality of speakers. Brian will continue as Program Chair and will welcome the assistance of members in maintaining this central activity.

Esio Marzotto, Communications Chair, who took over from John Leonard, will continue to maintain the excellent standard of our newsletter.

Malcolm Nicholson, Events Chair, organized the enjoyable special events and will be moving to Secretary for the coming year.

I would also like to thank the many members who assisted with the various committees including the House Committee Greeters who welcome us with a broad smile every third Tuesday of the month.

A Probus Club cannot operate without the voluntary support of its members. There is a constant need for committee members, particularly the Program and House Committees. I encourage you to become more active and put those highly honed skills you've earned over a lifetime to helping keep the third Tuesday mornings a rewarding two hours. Please let me know or contact a member of the Management Committee.

For the September meeting we have a most interesting speaker, Dr. John Boone, a world renowned Apiarist who will tell us of the importance of bees to humanity. In honour of our speaker, one of our members will leave the meeting with a jar of very fine honey.

Stu McNeil

### Future Programs

Oct. 18 ----- Martin Crilly, B.C. Ferries  
Nov. 15 ----- Jonathon Manthorpe, Journalist  
Dec. 20 ----- Christmas Lunch Meeting  
Jan. 17 ----- James Delgado, Maritime Museum  
Feb. 21 ----- Andre Gerolymatos, SFU

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