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Monthly Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

420 Southborough Drive, West Vancouver, 604-922-9331



Monday, September 8th

with speaker **The Honourable Wally Oppal, Q.C.**

Senior Counsel, Boughton Law

"Be Fraud Aware"

Wally is an experienced counsel and strategic advisor. His practice focuses on alternative and traditional dispute resolution as well as Aboriginal law.

After graduation from the University of British Columbia Law School, Wally went into private practice for a number of years. During this time he was appointed as a Special Prosecutor on many high profile criminal and commercial cases.

In 2005, he was appointed as Attorney General of British Columbia and served as Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism until 2009. Wally was involved in many significant reforms of the justice system, including the establishment of Canada's first community court to deal with chronic offenders, developing new Rules of Court in order to promote quicker resolution of disputes and developing new initiatives in dealing with violence against women.

A lifetime resident of British Columbia, Wally has dedicated his entire working life to the pursuit of social justice and community safety. His landmark report on policing in British Columbia led to many policing reforms after its publication in 1994. Wally's service to the public of this province, most recently as Commissioner of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry, is of special significance.

2014 Annual General Meeting Materials

- The 2014/2015 proposed slate for the Management Committee is listed on page 4.
- AGM materials, including an Agenda, Directors' Annual Report, Minutes from the 2013 AGM, and the Financial Statements will be sent during the week prior to the AGM.

Please review these items. We will not provide copies at the meeting.

Mark Your Calendars with these Important Dates...



October Meeting at Capilano Golf and Country Club

- Due to Thanksgiving, our October meeting is one week early
- Monday, October 6th, 2014 - Speaker TBA

President's Notes



Preparing for our 2014-15 Probus Year

The time has quickly passed and my thanks to all our speakers, volunteers and members who have contributed to another successful year for our club. Our year end is August 31, so by September 5th, we will email our year end reports which outline the activities of our various committees so that you have the information for our Sept 8 AGM.

While speakers and special events are always the highlight of our activities, this year your Management Committee (MC) also dealt with budgeting and venue location. The MC reviewed long range budget models and based on those findings reiterated our policy of maintaining our current reserve in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 range.

A survey on venue preferences, was sent out in June. Thanks to everyone who responded (over 60%) with a special thanks to Barry Heselgrave for his excellent work on this survey. As you are aware, for the year 2014-15, the MC, based on the fairly even split as to preferred location, has scheduled our October to March meetings at Capilano Golf and Country Club and proposed we hold our April to September meetings at the Chief Joe Matthias Centre.

Our current by-law #5(2) restricts our meeting location to Capilano Golf and Country Club, and restricts our meeting dates to the second Monday (in October that is Thanksgiving Day and in some years the second Monday in November is the Remembrance Day Holiday). As a result, the Management Committee (MC) has sent out a notice of amendment to enable the MC to have flexibility in its yearly planning. This amendment will be discussed and put to a vote at our AGM.

In this issue of Shorelines, you will see a list of our nominated MC members. I would like to thank all for agreeing to serve and to express our appreciation to our retiring MC members; Bill Caulfield (House), Larry Terrace (Membership), Bob Pearmain (Secretary) and Fraser Grant, our Past President who enlisted the nominees for our 2014-15 Management Committee.

Our club has a strong group of 40+ volunteers, a sound financial position and a vibrant membership. Thanks to all for your support throughout the year – it has been a privilege to serve as your President.

Don Leier

Parking at Capilano Golf Club



As this is still the golf season, members should park on the lower level as indicated by signs. There will be golf-cart shuttle service to the Club. There is an elevator, accessed to the right of the main entrance from the pathway to the Ladies' Locker Room, as an alternative to the front steps.

The Club and Capilano recognize that for some members drop-off at the Capilano steps is not possible and that parking on the lower level poses difficulty arising from distance, gradient, and the need for some agility to ride the shuttle.

Capilano has therefore agreed to permit less mobile members to park on the upper level.

William Caulfield

REMINDER

If you have not already done so, please mail your cheque, along with your letter mailed to you for Membership Renewal or bring both along to the September meeting.



New Members Introduced



Two new members were introduced at the August Meeting, (L) John Rapson, Structural Engineer, and (R) David Liddell, Television Executive.

Special Events - Chinatown Walking Tour

Chinatown Walking Tour - Tuesday, October 7th

As long as there has been non-native settlement there has been a Chinese presence in Vancouver. Since 1885 the Chinese have been in the area that is now Chinatown; it is one of the city's oldest districts. We'll explore the fascinating history and unique architecture of this important neighbourhood, dispel a few myths, discover interesting foodstuffs and take a look at the future of Chinatown. We'll finish up at the Jade Dynasty Restaurant, 137 Pender St East, for a Dim Sum lunch.

The Tour will be led by John Atkin, a civic historian and author who organizes and conducts tours for groups and individuals. John has explored Vancouver like few others have and offers an interesting and offbeat insight to the city's architecture, history and neighbourhoods. He has created, and conducts, a number of unique and popular walking tours throughout the City of Vancouver (www.johnatkin.com).



(This will be our second tour with John. He led a group of our Probus Members last May on an interesting walk from the Main Street Station through the eastern area of False Creek to Chinatown.)

The meeting place for the morning tour will be in the courtyard of the Chinese Cultural Centre on Pender at Carrall. The tour will start at 9:30 am and take approximately 2 hours. It will cost \$15.00 and go rain or shine.

The tour will be limited to 30 walkers including members and their partners or guests. If required by demand there will be a second tour arranged for after lunch to start at approximately 1:30 pm. It will start from the restaurant and end up in the courtyard of Chinese Cultural Centre on Pender at Carrall.

Participants will make their own travel arrangements to and from the tour. Public transport is suggested. Lunch will be extra at your cost.

You may register and pay at the September meeting or with John Elliott at 604-925-3535 (johns.elliott@telus.net) After the meeting, register with John Elliott but payment must be by cheque mailed to: Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver, P.O. Box 92042, West Vancouver, BC, V7V 4X4.

Your registration is not confirmed until your payment is received. For more information please contact John Elliott or Colin Ritson at 604-926-6976 (colinritson@shaw.ca).

John Elliott

Brief Backgrounds of A Few Recent New Members



John Rapson (*member since August 2014*) was born in Glastonbury, Somerset, England and has lived in West Vancouver for the past 24 years. He obtained his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering, from Loughborough University, Leicestershire, England. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of BC and a Fellow with Engineers Canada. He was employed for 26 years as a consulting structural engineer with Swan Wooster/Sandwell and in private practice for 9 years. He has lived and worked in England, Rhodesia, USA, Mexico, Iran, Indonesia, Thailand and Canada. John enjoys sports cars and travel.



Barry Hitchens (*member since July 2014*) was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and now lives in North Vancouver. He received his education for a PHD in Finance and Investment Analysis from both UBC and the University of Berlin. He was the founder of Comstat Capital Sciences Inc. His career as a tax-exempt funds trustee, an investment trustee and a central bank funds advisor took him to Toronto, Berlin, Vancouver, Bangkok, Lima, Belgrade and Moscow. Other areas of special interest with which he is or was involved include the Accounting Standards Board of Canada, FEI, CFA, and a UBC Alumni. Barry enjoys golf, travel, reading and sports.

2014/2015 Proposed Management Committee (*to be elected*)



Barry Heselgrave
President



Mike McMahon
Vice-President



Ian Burden
Secretary



Alistair Duncan
Treasurer



Darryl Stodalka
Chair: Communications



Grant Gisel
Chair: House



Jack Yasayko
Chair: Membership



Gordon Adair
Chair: Speakers



Colin Ritson
Chair: Special Events

Additional Member Not Requiring Election

Don Leier, Past President

Barry Heselgrave (*Member December 2010*) was born in Brandon, MB. With a B.Sc., he was an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, a teacher, and a business manager in Canada and the United States. In 1994 he formed his own business providing strategic operational advice to companies. He has served on both for-profit and not-for-profit Boards.

Mike McMahon (*Member March 2006*) After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in Ontario, Mike earned his law degree at UBC. He has practiced as an accountant and then a lawyer in Vancouver specializing in tax planning and litigation. Mike was elected a B. C. FCA in 1990. Mike has served on and chaired the Special Events Committee.

Ian Burden (*Member November 2013*) Ian was born and educated in New Zealand and moved to Vancouver in 1970. A professional structural engineer, he worked for consulting engineers in Vancouver, designing structures for shiploaders and power plants, pulp mills, oil platforms and coal ports. He thought it was fun! And he can type!

Alistair Duncan (*Member October 2011*) Alistair was born in Glasgow, Scotland and immigrated to Prince George in 1957. A Chartered Accountant, his career included public practice and executive positions in the construction and engineering industry as well as serving as Chief Operating Officer at Ladner Downs, Barristers and Solicitors. Alistair remains busy with various consulting assignments. He is currently the Treasurer.

Darryl Stodalka (*Member September 2005*) Darryl received his BSc in Computing Science in Calgary, his birth city. His 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 25 years. When first joining Probus he helped the Club go digital, contributing to the Club's low dues. He is currently Communications Chair.

Grant Gisel (*Member September 2009*) Grant was born in Winnipeg and received his B Commerce degree from the U Of Manitoba in April 1964. He moved to Vancouver in May 1964 and spent 40 years working in the Computer business. until his retirement in November 2004. He now Chairs a downtown east side charity called Red Fox focused on elementary children healthy living after the school day.

Jack Yasayko (*Member March 2007*) Jack was born and educated in Edmonton, AB and received an M.D. from the University of Alberta in 1962. He moved to the North Shore to practise medicine in the Deep Cove and Lonsdale areas, retiring in 1993. After a short period of boredom, his career was resumed for a further 18 years as a surgical assistant at the Lion's Gate Hospital. Now permanently retired, he has enjoyed many Probus activities. It is time to "give back".

Gordon Adair (*Member December 2008*) Gordon, a Chartered Accountant, dabbles in politics and has volunteered on the board and executive of the Coho Society, North Shore for 25 years. Gordon currently is the Speakers Chair.

Colin Ritson (*Member January 2012*) Colin is a graduate with a B.Sc. Engineering and a Life Member of APEGBC. In his professional career he specialized in heavy industry projects, including pulp and paper, power generation, and 'waste to energy conversion'.

Photos from Pancake Breakfast Social



Bill Sexsmith, Probud Regional Director, with Don Leier



Above: WV Mayor Michael Smith with Gordon Adair.
Below: Harvey Bridges, Gordon Adair in the lineup, being served by WV Lions Club Member Tom Hutchinson



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