North Shore Writers Festival: Chronicling the Canucks with Ed Willes, Daniel Wagner, & Andy Prest

This is an in-person event

Date April 24, 2025

Time 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

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Join us for an engaging talk led by hockey writers, who will take you behind the scenes of the Vancouver Canucks with some of their favourite stories and memorable moments. In this discussion, the writers will share their experiences covering the game, offering unique perspectives on team dynamics and player development. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from the voices that shape our understanding and appreciation of the game!

Presenter bios:

Ed Willes spent nearly four decades in sports journalism before retiring in 2020. He worked everywhere from the *Regina Leader-Post* to the *Winnipeg Sun* and, most notably, *The Province* newspaper in Vancouver, where he was a regular columnist for more than twenty years. He is the author of several books, including *Gretzky to Lemieux: The Story of the 1987 Canada Cup*; *End Zones and Border Wars: The Era of American Expansion in the CFL*; *The Rebel League: The Short and Unruly Life of the World Hockey Association*; and most recently *Never Boring: The Up and Down History of the Vancouver Canucks*. Willes lives in Vancouver.

Daniel Wagner published his first book, *On the Clock: Behind the Scenes with the Vancouver Canucks at the NHL Draft*, in 2024. He has been writing about the Vancouver Canucks for more than 15 years on his innovative blog, *Pass it to Bulis*. He has written for the *Vancouver Sun*, *The Score*, and the Vancouver Courier, and is Surrently member of the Professional Hockey Writers

Association, covering the Canucks for Glacier Media's flagship site, *Vancouver Is Awesome*. He currently lives in Surrey, B.C. with his wife, three kids, and too many neglected musical instruments.

Andy Prest is the editor, former sports reporter and longtime humour/lifestyle columnist for the North Shore News in North Vancouver. When he's not behind a keyboard, you can typically find him coaching north shore teams on various and assorted soccer and baseball fields across the Lower Mainland, and beyond.



The North Shore Writers Festival is presented in partnership by North Vancouver City Library, North Vancouver District Public Library, and West Vancouver Memorial Library. This is one of nine free events happening April 24 – 26 at the Lynn Valley Library. View the full schedule.

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