

## **Dr Neil Bliss 1932-2021**

It is with great sadness that Northern Shield announces the death of Dr Neil Bliss, a founding shareholder of Northern Shield Resources Inc, a director from 2000 to 2016 and father of Northern Shield President and CEO, Ian Bliss.

With a lifetime of learning in geology, exploration, mining and bush life, Neil ensured Northern Shield set off on the right path after its founding; that path was always bounded by ethics and science. Neil also contributed to the understanding of the Highbank Lake Project, through his knowledge of chromite chemistry.

Born in London, England, Neil attended Kent College in Canterbury before being evacuated with the school to Cornwall during the War. Neil joined the Royal Air Force but undertook most of his training at No 2 Air Navigation School in Winnipeg before going on to serve as an air navigator with 202 Squadron, Coastal Command, RAF.

He completed his B.A. in Geology at John's College, Cambridge University before returning to Canada to work as mine geologist with Cominco at the Sullivan Mine in B.C. and Con Mine, NWT.

Neil then moved to Rhodesia to work with the Rhodesian Geological Survey from 1959 to 1969 with a sabbatical in the middle to attend and complete his M.Sc. in geology at McGill University in Montreal, where he met and married his late wife and cartographer, Judy.



ICB and NWB at Highbank Lake, 2007

Neil and family returned to Montreal where he completed a Ph.D. at McGill which focused on ultramafic bodies in the Manitoban Nickel Belt. He then joined Alcan International for 24 years including 18 as their Chief Geologist. It was here he became well recognized and respected around the world for his knowledge and understanding of bauxite geology in the aluminum production process.

After retirement from Alcan, Neil consulted for Aluminpro, Anderson & Schwab and formed the initial Board of Directors of Northern Shield.

Both Neil and Judy were well known to many Northern Shield Shareholders and Directors for co-hosting the AGM Garden Party.