



Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

November

2022

Presidents Podium

It looks as if our extended summer is morphing into much-needed rain. I hope you all took advantage of that great fall to pursue outdoor activities.. I had a very pleasant trip up to Smithers. What a scenic but incredibly busy part of the province. Gas pipelines, construction and other energy projects make finding accommodation difficult.



After our first board meeting I was most impressed with the enthusiasm and creativity shown towards planning future Club activities. There is a real opportunity for Members becoming involved. Our recent scavenger hunt was a great way to discover many unknown facts about the valley and was enjoyed by all participants. Your committee has again organized a super Christmas party menu and fun entertainment. I hope to see you there.

Dates to Remember

Bowling: November 9, 2022

Christmas Dinner/Dance. December 13, 2022

Walking: Every Monday

Singing: Tuesday, December 20, 2022

The ORCA PROBUS CLUB meets on the second
Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Comox
Legion Hall



At the October 11 AGM, our District 1 PROBUS Canada Director, Ian Kennedy, travelled from Duncan in order to present President Marguerite with the Certificate of Congratulations, in celebration of the Orca PROBUS Club' 20th Anniversary. The lovely framed

certificate will be displayed on the Legion Hall podium during general meetings. Congratulations to the Club for reaching this milestone.

Presenting the newly elected 2022-2023 Management Committee. Congratulations and thanks to the newly elected Directors for volunteering for these important roles.



(L to R) Rod Olson, Deanna Provencher, Pat Ellis, Bruce Ellis, Debbie Olson, Neil Brodie, Barb Wilson, Marguerite Ancell, Karen Fettes, Mike Naish, Mike Wilson

November's Speaker

Presentation Title: Famous people of Comox Valley

Christine Dickinson

Christine Dickinson is an retired educator who lived and worked in Northern British Columbia for 34 years. One of her passions is for the regional history of the province, and she has co-authored "Atlin : The Story of British Columbia's Last Gold Rush", which won the Lieutenant Governor's Prize. Also she was part of the team which produce two Comox Valley histories: "Watershed Moments : A Pictorial History of Courtenay and District"; and "Step Into Wilderness : A Pictorial History of Outdoor Exploration in and Around the Comox Valley". Born and educated in New Zealand, Christine lived in Courtenay briefly in 1973 and returned in 2007. She had close family connections to the Comox Valley in the intervening years.

Note to members and especially new members

Take a moment out of your day and checkout the
Website: <https://www.orcaprobus.ca/>

November Birthdays

David Kruger	Gerald Wendland
Grant Compton	Dave Dyke
Susan Baldwin	Michael Wilson
Karen Fettes	Carol Borch
Lawrence Petkus	Carol Labine
Deanna Provencher	



Club Activity News

ACTIVITY GROUP CONTACTS

Book Worms

Marilyn Morris

Bowling

Marie Knowles

Dining In

Lynnette Lynch

Dining Out

Chip/Karen Ross

Gardening

Lynnette Lynch

Golf

Dave/Isabelle

Pacholuk

Hiking

Tim Ackerman

Kayaking

Mike Wilson

Photography

Bruce Ellis

Pub Club

Howard Siebert

Quilting

Beth Ritchie

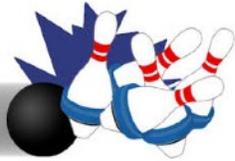
Snowshoeing

Barb Wilson

Walking

Melanie Olson

Club Activity News



Bowling

What a great kick off to the season in October. 12 members came and a great time was had by all.

The stars of the afternoon were Mike Wilson (3 strikes in a row - wow); Barbara Wilson and Ron Richie. Do not be scared away by good players - there are several of us who put up with the gutter balls and still keep coming back. We have a lot of fun and great socializing so if you want to join us please do not hesitate to let Marie know and she will add you to her list.

Remember - "Laughter is good for the soul"

Details for the November get together are as follows

DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

TIME: 1:00 PM (please arrive by 12:45 pm)

**PLACE: CODES COUNTRY LANES
(307 - 6 th Street, Courtenay)**

**COST: \$13.85 per/person - CASH ONLY PLEASE
(Price includes two games; shoe rental and taxes)**



We will arrange to go for coffee afterwards for those who are interested at the time.

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Probus Singers and Friends



On Tuesday, October 18th, there were 12 melodic singers blending their voices and sharing stories and memories. We enjoyed two hours of being together while singing songs from the past, some known and some new. It is always a wonderful afternoon and one leaves feeling uplifted and energized.

There will not be a session in November as Rod and Debbie will be away in Vancouver babysitting a grandson. The next singing group will be on Tuesday, December 20th, where we will focus on seasonal favourites and you might enjoy a home-made peanut butter ball. We encourage you to come and join us. If you have a favourite song, you would like us to include, please email us.



Book Worms

This month's meeting was held at Lynnette Lynch's home. Evelyn Keith led the discussion on the book "Off the Wild Coast of Brittany". Barb Wilson provided the goodies.



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PUB CLUB NEWS-NOVEMBER



After the October meeting we attended the The Gladstone Brewpub. It was a nice warm day so the overflow of a dozen members were able to enjoy sitting outside. About 20 members sat inside next to the bar and were also comfortably accommodated. Their method of ordering food was a bit "klunky" but all the food orders came in good time.

Although the menu was limited the food choices were adequate and tasty. This will be a venue worth revisiting.

This month we will be attending Kelly O'Bryan's Pub. We are visiting this venue sooner than usual to accommodate our wine loving snowbirds. We have been there before and have had excellent service and varied food choices. The seating has been spacious and convenient on our past visits. This will be a venue well worth attending.

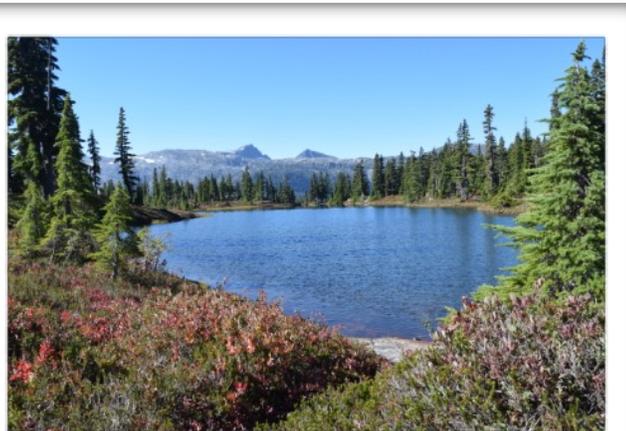
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Jim Cooper's October Hike

was done a little early to accommodate planned travels.

This is Hairtrigger Lake taken from our lunch spot on 30 September



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Orca Probus Hike Oct. 2022

As typical at this time of year, a group of us headed to Lighthouse Country in Bowser and took in the 12 km Big Qualicum River hike. It did not disappoint and to our amazement there was lots of water in the river for the spawning fish. Several fish carcasses along the way and resulting fish odour and evidence of bear presence too.



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The Fish Hatchery had lots of activity with plenty to see and an officer said there were 400 coho in the river at this time. It was a great jaunt under sunny skies and falling leaves. Enjoy the photos.



Club Activity News

Walking



Melanie continues to lead the walking group every Monday. Generally fairly short (1 to 1 1/2 hours) of easy walking, An opportunity to chat with friends and get a little exercise. If interested in joining, please contact Melanie Olson



On October 18, many members of our Probus club came together to partake in a contest in which players were sent out with a list of questions to locate or identify specific information within the Comox valley within a fixed length of time. The scavenger hunt was planned and executed by Dave and Joan Matheson. "We had good weather and we hope that everyone enjoyed doing the hunt as much as we enjoyed putting it together. We learned about quite a few interesting facts and features of which we had not previously been aware."
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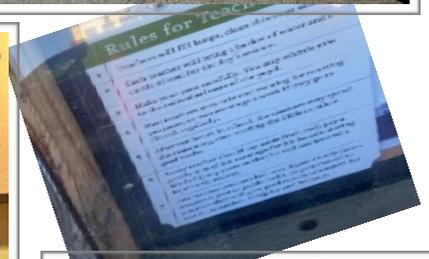
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Congratulations to the winners. All the results were very close so everyone should be pleased with their efforts.

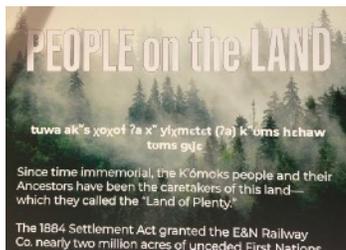
The challenge was enjoyed by all. If you solved the last clue correctly, you ended up at the Griffin Pub for a well deserved pint or glass of wine. All the groups did, eventually, make it to the pub.



Scavenger hunt winners!
Kelly Kline Judy Chrysler;
Rick and Susan Baldwin!



2nd Place winners
Ian Pratt Cricket Price;
Barb and Mike Wilson
Mike is taking the picture





CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

Black Fin Banquet Room

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

5:00 Doors Open 5:20 Appys 6:00 Dinner

Cash Bar

Black Fin Specialty Appys & Signature Buffet

Entertainment/Dance w/Easy Street

Menu

Carved Ham

Roasted Turkey with Savoury Sage & Walnut Stuffing

Pan Gravy & Cabernet Cranberry Sauce

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Brussel Sprouts

Honey Dill Glazed Carrots

Gathered Organic Greens

Blackfin Housemade Caesar Salad

Assortment of Breads and Buns

Dessert Selection

Dark Roast Coffee & Specialty Teas

(Please inform planning committee of any food allergies)

Ticket Sales

Members - \$60.00 Guests - \$75.00

CHEQUES PREFERRED "please"

November Meeting: Members & Guests

November 9th-November 23rd c.o. Isabelle Pacholuk (Courtenay) or Jerith Jones (Comox)

Isabelle:isdavep@shaw.ca/250-338-6886; Jerith:jerithjones19@gmail.com/250-465-1386

No cancellations after November 24th unless waitlist

Maximum Tickets sold – 72

Reserved tables available for groups of eight.

Halloween Quote:

“There is a child in every one of us who is still a trick-or-treater looking for a brightly-lit front porch.”

Unknown



Thought for the month



An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?" "That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them." "For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

So, to all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!