

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

OCT 2022

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



Looking back at my year as President of the Orca PROBUS Club I realize how much it has been a transition year. No longer does COVID-19 isolate us as much as it had between March 2020 and October 2021. We've been able to socialize at our in-person meetings and enjoy listening to speakers who are not on Zoom but are actually in the room. Yes, we still had to be cautious, but it was a milestone when we had a Dinner and Dance in July to celebrate our 20th Anniversary.

As I write my final President's Podium, I'm grateful to the members of the Management Committee who worked hard on planning over the past year and gave their time and effort for the well-being of our Club. I very much enjoyed their friendship and enjoyed my time as President.

I recommend being part of the Management Committee and currently we have a strong committee nominated for the 2022/2023 year. The new crew will take over their duties after the AGM on October 11. But, nine months from now as Past President, I'll be Chair of the Nominating Committee which will nominate members for the 2023/2024 Committee. You are welcome to volunteer. But if no one volunteers one of us may be approaching you-please consider saying 'yes'! Joining the Committee will give you an enriched experience as an Orca PROBUS Club member.

President Marguerite

Membership renewal payments of \$35.00 per person for 2022-2023 were due in September. The fees may be paid by cheque (no cash), or online via e-Transfer to orcaprobust@gmail.com. New memberships and renewals will be accepted at the October meeting.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

At the October 11 meeting, members will be asked to vote on two amendments to the Bylaws of the Orca Probus Club .

The first one is fairly a straightforward Motion to substitute the word 'Communications' for 'Publicity' in Bylaw No.3(2) and (7). This is the title for the position of the person responsible for the newsletter, sending out announcements to members and managing the email account etc.

Communication better describes the role.

The second one is a bit more involved.

Motion for change to Bylaw No.2 (7) conduct of Members Revision:

Conduct of Members: If in the opinion of, and after due consideration by the Club's Management Committee, a member conducts himself/herself in such a manner as to bring discredit to the Club or on PROBUS CANADA or cause serious discord within the Club membership, the Management Committee shall endeavour to discuss and favourably resolve the issue with the member. Should such discussion be unsuccessful, the member may be asked by the President to resign. Should the member not resign, the Management Committee, by majority vote, may choose to not accept the renewal of the membership of the member for the following and any subsequent year(s) and shall return any Club membership renewal fees paid by or on behalf of the member for any period for which the member's membership in the Club has not been in effect. Furthermore, if in the opinion of and after due consideration by the Club Management Committee, a person or persons applying for membership into the Club could potentially bring discredit to the Club or on PROBUS CANADA or causes serious discord within the Club membership, the Management Committee, by majority vote, may choose to not accept the membership application.

Notice: Election of Officers

The Orca PROBUS Nominating Committee has proposed the following members as Officers of the club for 2022-2023

President - Neil Brodie

Vice-President - Bruce Ellis

Secretary - Karen Fettes

Treasurer - Mike Naish

Membership - Pat Ellis / Deanna Provencher

Facilities - Rod & Debbie Olson

Social/Activities - Barb Wilson

Communication/Publicity - Mike Wilson

Past President - Marguerite Ancell

As there were no further nominations the above names will be considered Elected by Acclamation at the October meeting.

Thank you to The Nominating Committee: Miles Jones, Marguerite Ancell, Mike & Barb Wilson, Marie Knowles & Elaine Walker for their hard work and perseverance, resulting in an excellent slate of candidates

Treasurer Report for the year 2021 - 2022

On September 1 2021, the bank balance was \$2152.42 and at the end of the year August 31 2022, the balance was \$2119.76.

In addition there remains a GIC with \$5000.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

At the September general meeting, founding members from 20 years ago in attendance, were honored. Alan and Wendy Tippett, Dave and Joan Matheson and Gene and Marilyn Morris.



OCTOBER MEETING SPEAKER

MARS Wildlife Rescue Centre

James MacKenzie - Volunteer and Education Coordinator

Having moved to the Comox Valley from Vancouver in 2020, James joined MARS in late 2021 as a summer staff member. Even before his job was half over, MARS decided to keep him on in a contract position as volunteer and education coordinator. James is relishing the opportunity to spend his weekends out in Merville, meeting the public as our lead guide, coordinating visits, and welcoming new volunteers.

Joan and Dave Matheson have a scavenger/car rally event well under construction. The sign up sheet will be available at the Oct. 11 meeting. Please make sure your Probus fees have been paid. **The date for the "Hunt" will be Tuesday October 18.** If you are a single or a couple try to team up. Four to a car probably will work well. Remember, there will be walking to do as well.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandi Tetrault
Stephanie Moulton
Kelly Kline
Paul Ellegood
George Dowler

Dave Pacholuk
Gordie March
Debbie Olson
Bernard Bechard
Barry Hemmelgarn

HIKING GROUP

In September Rod and Evelyn Keith led the hiking group to the upper lookout in the Comox Bluffs Ecological Reserve. This was higher up the bluff than the group normally takes, but the view to the upper end of the lake made it well worth while.



ACTIVITY REPORT

Hello Probus Members

The sign-up for Probus Activities went very well at the Sept meeting.

Thanks to all the members that agreed to be activity leaders ensuring that the activities can run smoothly.

Unfortunately in all the excitement and fellowship few signed up to help organize our special Probus Events. These events will start in 2023 as the fall and Christmas events are already planned for this year. The fall event will be a Scavenger Hunt in October and a Christmas Gala has been planned for December.

Let me explain a little about these special events.

Usually we have 4 or 5 special get togethers per year.

So that means we are looking for volunteers to organize a Spring, Summer, Fall and Christmas Party for 2023.

Don't think that you will be planning on your own. Often 2 or 3 couples sign-up to brainstorm and plan an event and others join in if more help is needed. Some examples from past years are a Country Hoedown, a St. Patty's Day Dance, a Wine Tour, a Garden Tour, a Barbeque to name a few. The possibilities are endless. If you can dream it up many would love to attend. There is a budget for these events and often an activity group will also help out. An example is...the garden club did the flowers for the Summer Anniversary Party.

Planning these events is a great time to meet new people and to learn how our Probus Club works so please consider getting involved.

The sign-up sheets will be posted at the October meeting. If you can't attend, but want to be involved, just send me an email. Our club works solely through volunteers, and it would be a shame to have to cancel any of these events, so let's all work together and make next year a great success.

Jerith Jones



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

October Meeting : Members (pd membership)
November Meeting : Members(pd membership); End of Meeting: Guests

Members - \$60.00 Guests - \$75.00

Cheques only

Maximum Tickets sold – 72 (waitlist taken)

Reservations available for groups of 8

Probus Singers and Friends

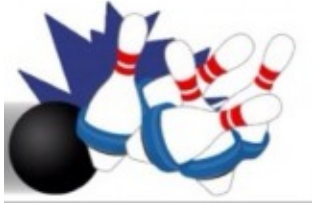


On September 20, we had 10 people participate in the Probus Singers and Friends event. We were small in numbers but mighty in enthusiasm and vocal clarity. We sang some favourite songs from past years which brought back memories and much laughter.

Our next session will be on **Tuesday, October 18 th from 2:30 to 4:30**. Please reach out to Debbie and Rod for more information. We are always looking for more musicians to accompany the singers. Also, please submit your favourite songs to Rod and Debbie to be added to the repertoire.



Missing from picture, Debbie Olson



BOWLING GROUP IS BACK

We will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm. Our first get together is as follows:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

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

PLACE: CODES COUNTRY LANES

(307 – 6 th Street, Courtenay)

COST: \$13.85 per/person – CASH ONLY (The price includes: 2 games; shoe rental and taxes)

Looking forward to seeing you. Marie Knowles

PUB CLUB

We went to the Legion's Beaufort Pub after the September meeting. It was very convenient as all we had to do is go downstairs. Everything turned out well with few hitches. As the Probus meeting ended 30 minutes early despite attempts to drag it, out this caused some distress with the kitchen staff and food preparation. But we still got our food orders in decent time due to assistance of the Legion president



In October I've arranged to go to the Gladstone Brew Pub. It is located just opposite the museum in Courtenay. They are very enthusiastic about having us attend their facility. We will not have to be concerned about bad weather as they have reserved the inside room opposite the bar which will accommodate 30 people. If more come there is plenty of space outdoors under a new full roof. You may need your jackets.

Do not reply to me until you receive the Pub Club notice

- Howard

GOLF

A ferry trip over to Quadra and we were ready for a Golf adventure. A very interesting course with hills & valleys, trees & water, & unique settings. Next stop: Herriot Bay Marina Pub where we enjoyed excellent service and delicious food with an ocean view.



And that's our 2022 golf "wrap". See you on the course next year -Dave & Isabelle

I was walking past a farm and saw a sign that said "Duck, Eggs". I thought that was an unnecessary comma - and then it hit me.