

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

November 2019

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



Ken Talbot, President

Sadly, engineers are not usually well known for their writing skills, so please bear with me while I hone up for the months ahead.

First of all, I wish to thank Marie for being such a tremendous President over the last twelve months. Thanks also to the five hard working Management Committee members who left this year after years of service, and welcome to our new Committee members.

Ten years ago, on moving to the Valley from Ontario, Margaret and I were introduced to our Orca PROBUS Club. We found warmth, interesting folk and made really good friends. For many, our club often becomes our family away from family, and always offers a warm welcome to new members. We have shared activities, had lots of interesting conversations and many laughs, and when someone has sadness or pain, our club is always there to help.

To continue in that vein, I am looking forward to serving with the new Management group. We are off to a good start thanks to a great turnover from the previous committee. Christmas party tickets are on sale, we have volunteers working on a Spring event and the Summer BBQ, monthly speakers are being arranged, and the activity groups are running up to speed.

If you have any ideas for new activities or changes you would like to see, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Management Committee members. Please consider helping out by getting involved in the implementation of new ideas. We hope to be introducing some suggestions based on the recent survey results, such as helping our newer members get involved, and improving the communication between our club and the others in the Comox Valley.

I wonder how many of you have visited our revitalised Web Site lately? A lot of work by Chip Ross, Bruce Ellis, and recently by our new member, Blair Deering, has transformed the site into something I think is great! The site is intended to show viewers not familiar with our club what we are and what we do. If you have any friends interested in our club, you can proudly recommend they take a look at <http://orcaprobus.ca>

After all that, I guess it's back to the more mundane activities for me, like winterising the back yard and cutting the grass for the last time this year, I hope!

Cheers!

Ken

ORCA PROBUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Ken Talbot
Vice-President	Neil Brodie
Secretary	Marguerite Ancell
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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 Carol Labine
 Harry Meyers

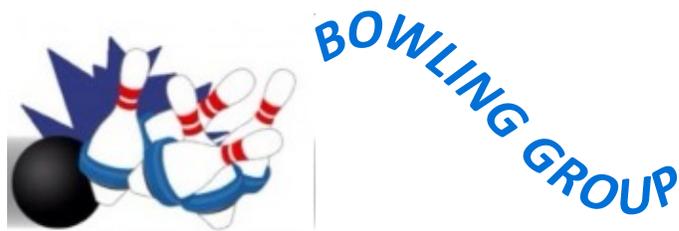
October Speaker

For those who missed the October meeting (and that would be very few of you, as it was a record turnout) our speaker was fellow member Judith McIntosh. Judith charmed us with readings from her upcoming book, “Daddy Went to War – a World War II Memoir”. Her presentation was very well received, and has encouraged us to seek other Valley authors for future speakers.

November Speaker

Wayne White

This month’s speaker will be Wayne White, a retired fish and wildlife technician. Wayne is currently the Director of Conservation Activities and Projects for the Courtenay Fish and Game Protective Agency. He will present an overview of its diverse programs, including a new hatchery to improve Coho fry production, and working with the Regional District to build a deepwater intake in Comox Lake to improve water quality for the Valley.



Bowling is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019, at 1:00 PM.**

COST: 2 games + shoe rental + taxes = \$11.45 per person.
Please bring **CASH** – no debit or credit cards

DURATION: approximately 1.5 hrs.

Reminders – please arrive by 12:45 pm in order to check in and pick up your bowling shoes. Also, do not forget to stretch before you bowl.

Coffee at a local coffee shop afterwards, if the group wishes to do this.

If you would like to sign up, please let me know.

**Best regards,
Marie Knowles**



We have the president of the **Courtenay Lawn Bowling Club** in our midst (Michael Lynch), and I have questioned him regarding doing a lawn bowling activity for Orca Probus.

Their club has an instructional class for 32 that we can take advantage of, at a fee of \$10 per person, and I am thinking of a summer event when we have nice warm weather...anytime from June till September. If you decide to join the club afterwards, the fee is taken into account in your membership fee.

I will do a hands count at the next meeting to gauge interest!

- Paul Ellegood



Christmas Dinner/Dance
Blackfin Banquet Room

Tuesday, December 10th

5:30 Doors Open
5:30 Cocktails 6:00 Appys 6:45 Dinner/Formalities

Dinner & Dance
Featuring **Jilli Martini Band**

Menu

Carved Ham
Roasted Turkey with Savoury Sage & Walnut Stuff
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 and Specialty Teas

(Please inform planning committee of any food allergies)

Ticket Sales

October (members) November (members & guests)
Prices: Members - \$43.00 Guests - \$53.00
Maximum Tickets sold - 72 (wait list taken)

Reservations available for groups of 8 or a seat at the "Singles" table

Christmas Dinner/Dance Update

Non member tickets will be on sale during November monthly meeting!
Dec.1 will be deadline for cancellations.

Ticket sales after November meeting - Call Mike or Barb Wilson

PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS



BREAKING NEWS: SASQUATCH SEEN AT SINGALONG!

Okay folks, now that we have your attention, here's the real breaking news: a new season of Probus Singers and Friends got off to a fine start on October 29th. A new venue, thanks to Tim and Jill. We had an amazing group of people who just love to sing, creative musicians (I mean, come on, how many other groups do you know that have a radiator as one of their main percussion instruments) and just a whole lot of laughter and fun. What a great night!

And there are many more evenings to come. But, just to keep you on your toes, we are changing the dates and the times. Why? Because we want to give as many people as possible the chance to come and sing with us, and we've been made aware that some of you find evening singalongs hard to get to. We get it. It's dark. Sometimes it's rainy and cold. It's at the end of the day and you're tired. But we know that you love to sing and have fun ...

And so.....drumroll, maestro, please (oops, I mean radiator roll) we will now be meeting on the last ***Wednesday of the month, at 2 pm.*** That makes the date and time for our next singalong: ***Wednesday, November 27th at 2 pm.*** (Sasquatches welcome btw!)

And while you're at it, please mark ***Thursday, December 12th at 2 pm*** for our annual Christmas singalong.

See you soon!

The Undecideds,
Rae, Rhonda & Bev



PUB CLUB NEWS

Last month we went to the Whistle Stop Pub for our monthly outing. We had an excellent turnout and completely occupied all of the available seating in the east room. The first half-hour was white knuckle time for me as we only had one server. Fortunately, she competently handled the workload. When reinforcements arrived on the shift change we had great service. The food was good and I heard of no complaints on that issue. I must say that the carpeting in the pit area of the facility was dreadful, and it was good I didn't notice this until we were leaving. I guess it will take another "mellowing out" period before I arrange a return visit. Thank heavens there are many choices these days.



We will be going to the Prime Kitchen and Wine Bar for our November outing. They are looking forward to our annual visit. The facilities are as nice and comfortable as they ever were. It looks as if the food prices will be a little higher than in the past. They are trying very hard to appeal to the average customer's tastes. If you happen to be waiting overly long to get your food order delivered, please tell me and I'll see to it that the situation is corrected. I can't be of much assistance if you leave your complaints until we leave.

Remember to imbibe responsibly, and have a designated driver for your trip home.
- Howard

WINTER IS COMING!!!

Ron Stocker has a snow blower for sale.

22-inch self-propelled, two-stage thrower, with electric start.
In excellent condition, asking \$300.00.

Contact Ron



Are you Hard of Hearing ?

The Comox Valley Hard of Hearing Association offers a Speech Reading Class to assist people with hearing loss. Bill & Caroline Urquhart and Carol LaBine & Albert Rachynski are now half-way through the course.

The course is for people with a hearing loss who want to develop skills to help them “hear” what is being said, by “seeing” what is being said. It is a fun class headed up by Nerissa Davies, Audiologist. She is a great teacher and makes learning fun.

The class is offered once each year, and is open to individuals who may wish to use this tool to help with their own hearing loss.

Further information about this course or membership in the Comox Valley Hard of Hearing Group is available by emailing cvhardofhearing@gmail.com



Lunch Bunch

Eleven hungry souls lunched at the Ichiban Sushi Restaurant on Wednesday October 16th. It was a cosy setting hosted by a charming, efficient waitress.

Maxine





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DALI TWIRLS HIS MUSTACHE
AND CAUSES TIME TO CRASH.

THERE ARE NO CLOUDS IN DALI'S SKY
THERE ARE NO RIPPLES IN HIS SEA
THIS IS THE MIND AND ITS GEOGRAPHY,
A DESERT SCENE WITH A MOUNTAIN REFLECTION
IS IT A MIRAGE OR A MERE RECOLLECTION?
THIS IS A DESERT WITH NO FIGURES SEEN
A LANDSCAPE WITH NO HORIZON GLEANED
CLOCKS LIE MELTED ON A ROCK AND TREE
AN EYEBROW EMERGES FROM A SLOUCHING SHEET
WHILE ANTS DANCE ON A POCKET WATCH
THE CLOCK TOOTH BROKE AND WON'T HIT THE NOTCH
AS A SINGLE FLY STANDS BY IDLY
ON A HILL THAT'S A BOX NEAR A SLAB THAT'S THE SEA.

DALI TWIRLS THE HAIRS ON HIS BRUSH
THE WORLD IS ENGULFED IN A SUDDEN HUSH.

THEN YOUR ALARM CLOCK WAKES YOU IN THE MORNING
YOU ARE STARTLED BY A SUDDEN WARNING
FROM PERFECT CIRCLES WITH HYPNOTIC HANDS
AND PERFECT HORIZONS ACROSS DISTANT LANDS
YOU REALIZE THAT SOMETHING IS NOT QUITE RIGHT
PERHAPS SOMETHING DREAMT OF, BUT JUST OUT OF SIGHT
THE FIRM LAND WE STAND ON IS ONLY AN ILLUSION
WHEN THE EARTHQUAKE COMES WE WILL SHARE THIS CONCLUSION.