

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

October 2020

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



It seems that the last year has gone so quickly, and now I find myself writing this last President's Podium. What a challenge the year has been for us all. Last October everything was fine and then, sadly, in December we were informed we needed to vacate the Legion for a while and find alternative accommodation. The next three meetings in the Comox United Church were great, but after our March meeting came the Covid -19 lockdown. What to do as a President of a social club that can't socialize? How to keep us all together safe and active was the question. We would keep the newsletter running, adding some new features, call all our members each month to check that everybody is fine and to offer help, make sure we are in sync with other clubs, support some outdoor activities, and educate ourselves in the new tech society by holding Zoom Committee and eventually Zoom Club meetings.

This year has been tough, to say the least, and my thanks go to our management team who kept it all together and got us safely heading in the right direction, ready to turn over to a new team. Special thanks go to those leaving the Management Committee this year: Marie Knowles, Neil Brodie and Val Dyke.

Our new team and its officers, noted later in this newsletter, will be continuing with our initiatives, utilizing Zoom and heading towards more face-to-face functions while abiding by the Covid guidelines. So I welcome the new Committee members, and to all of you I ask that you please keep coming forward with your support and new ideas to make the next President's year a really positive experience.

I have appreciated the opportunity of being your President this year, and look forward to a brighter future for everyone.

Stay well and Stay safe.

- President Ken

NOTICE Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee of Orca PROBUS CLUB has proposed the following members as Officers of the Club for 2020-2021:

Miles Jones – President
Marguerite Ancell – Vice-President
Karen Fettes – Secretary
Caroline Urquhart – Treasurer
Lynnette Lynch/Melanie Olson – Membership
Barbara and Mike Wilson – Facilities
Jerith Jones – Social/Activities
Bruce Ellis – Publicity
Ken Talbot – Past President

As there were no further nominations by the September 30th deadline, these Officers will be acclaimed at the October 13th Annual General Meeting, to be held on Zoom.

October 13 Meeting

Many of you were unable to join in on the September Zoom meeting, but for those who did, we are sure you enjoyed the information on the social contact computer apps that our children and grandchildren are using.

While Zoom meetings are not the same as the social interactions that our normal meetings have, they are the best that can be managed during this current situation... a chance to see a presentation and catch up on club news.

Marguerite has found a great presenter for our October 13th meeting. David Chapman is a professional photographer and storm chaser, and will be presenting “Wild, Weird and Wacky Weather”.

We will send you details on how to connect to this Zoom meeting, which will begin at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, October 13th.

We hope you will all join in!

Farewell From the Ouellettes

It has been eight years since we came to the Comox Valley. Upon first arriving we knew no one, but that quickly changed once we met the Urquhart's and were introduced to Orca Probus.



Our lives quickly filled with new friends and wonderful activities. All of you made us feel welcome. Mark loved all the hikes and I loved joining Rae to do sing-alongs. I will cherish that forever. We always looked forward to our monthly meetings! Of course, being the Social Rep was a wonderful opportunity to get to know you more fully.

Probus has been a wonderful blessing for us and we will always be truly grateful for the friendships we have formed here. We want you to know we intend to come back once Covid is over and take in the wonderful activities of Probus again. So you won't see us quite as often as before, but we will be back for visits. Orca Probus has the best people and the best parties!

Our children and grandchildren and other family members are very excited that we are coming. We have bought a home by White Rock in an area called Sunnydale. We have become quite spoiled here, being close to the water, so the idea that we can be down at the water within minutes is very appealing to us.

Thank you all for the wonderful memories, and we look forward to making new ones but we're sure it will never quite be the same.

With warm thoughts,

- Bev and Mark

Bev Oullette

In the past 8 years, Bev has been one of the leaders of our Orca Probus family. There has not been a party or dance or event where Bev has not been involved, either organizing or volunteering. Plus, her role as one of the Undecideds in the Probus Singers and Friends. Bev's enthusiasm and just her joie de vivre, has been a big part of the fun we have shared as a club over the years.



Bev, we are truly going to miss you...
(Mark, we will miss you as well!)



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

03 Sandi Tetreau	14 George Dowler
03 Stephanie Moulton	15 Dave Pacholuk
08 Kelly Kline	15 Ian White
11 Paul Ellegood	26 Bernard Bechard
13 Bill Urquhart	27 Barry Hemmelgarn

MILESTONES

Congratulations to Patrick and Carol Hockenhull on spending some quality time with us at Orca Probus since 2005. Happy 15 year anniversary!

ORCA PROBUS FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020

As your Treasurer, it is within my job description to present a year-end final report to the membership of the Orca Probus Club.

I am happy to report that the Books have been successfully audited as of September 15, 2020 by Tim Ackerman, and the final bank balance for the year ending August 31, 2020 was \$3,613.38 in our chequing account and \$5,000.00 in GIC's.

This leaves our club in good financial shape to continue our new year and to be able to do some new and exciting things to keep you, the membership, informed as we go into our new year. The first thing I can tell you is that there will be no dues collected for the first part of this year, but we will be continuing each and every one of your memberships as we go forward, until such time as we are able to get back together physically to meet once again in the Legion Upper Hall, as soon as it is safe to do so. We hope you will all join us on October 13th for our Zoom presentation, followed by our Annual General Meeting.

In the meantime, please stay safe.

- Caroline Urquhart, Treasurer, Orca Probus Club

BOWLING IS BACK!!

Codes Country Lanes has now re-opened and the business has and is suffering. Once the Bowling Leagues were scheduled and up and running in accordance with COVID protocols, members of the public were invited to join in the fun.

I communicated with our Bowling Group and several were eager to get back to it. Our first bowling get together therefore took place on Wednesday September 23rd, with 5 bowlers present.

Masks are not mandatory in the bowling alley, sanitizer and sanitizing cloths to wipe balls and hands during play are provided. We were asked to choose the bowling balls we wanted to use before we began play, and asked to keep to those same balls throughout the game.

The number of players allowed per lane is 3. We therefore had one team of 3 and one team of 2. No one else was in the alley during the time we were there. We came for our allotted time and were finished within the hour.

We all agreed that we felt safe in the environment and amongst ourselves, keeping within the recommended safe distancing. We also agreed unanimously that we had had a lot of FUN and LAUGHTER and really ENJOYED ourselves.

Therefore, if you would like to join us in the future, the next Bowling Event is as follows:

Date: Wednesday, October 21st, 2020 (3rd Wednesday of the month)

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Codes Country Lanes, 307 6th Street, Courtenay

Cost: \$11.55/person (includes 2 games, shoe rental and taxes)

Please let me know if you are interested and I will add you to the list.

Best regards, Marie Knowles

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“THANK YOU”

Dear Members – as my term of office on the Management Committee has now come to an end, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support throughout my 4 year tenure as Secretary, Vice President, President and Past President.

Throughout the past months we have been dealing with many changes in our lives that COVID-19 brought with it. As a Management Committee we have used as many tools as possible to stay connected with you, our members. As I step down I want to reassure you all that this incoming Management Committee will continue to service you to the best of its ability in these trying times.

It has been an honour and a pleasure serving you and I know that our Orca PROBUS Club will be in good hands as we go forward into a new year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at future face to face meetings.

My best regards,

Marie Knowles
Past President



**FREE TO A GOOD HOME!!
BOOKS ON TAPE**

If you still own a tape deck and you enjoy listening to books on tape, please let me know. I have a number of books on various topics.

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If you suck at playing the trumpet, that's probably why

Guess who these members are – here's what they looked like when they were younger!



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A couple of obvious ones, but we shall see

HIKING GROUP

Hiking continues as an activity although in smaller groups, maintaining proper distances.

Lately the hikes have been led by Jim Cooper. If interested in joining, drop him a line at cjcooper@telus.net



WOODWORKING GROUP

With the success of the first group of ladies, Barb Wilson organized a second. Lots of enthusiasm and sawdust!

