



Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

April

2024

Presidents Podium

Despite my prediction in my forum last month, March appears to have come in like a Lamb and left like a Lamb. So much for old sayings.

Many of our members joined together at the Campbell River Golf Course for an event with simulated Golf. Everyone seemed to have a great time although it was a bit cool. We thank Art and Mary Jane Rees for organizing this event.

It does show how any member of our club can come up with an idea for an outing and organize it. Art maintains that it did not take much effort and that is how it should be.

We are a social club and dependant on events and activities organized by volunteers. If you ever have an idea about something present it to Barb Wilson and let's see if we can have even more of these fun days.

Spring is here and time to finish hibernation and get active.

Cheers, Bruce



Bruce Ellis

Club Executive

President.....	Bruce Ellis	Communication.....	Mike Wilson
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Club News

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Dates to Remember

- Walking: Every Monday
Bowling: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Singing: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Dining Out: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Quilting: 3rd Tuesday of the month
BookWorms: Last Friday of the month
Golfing: April 18, 2024
Prisma: June 29, 2024

next ORCA PROBUS CLUB meeting:
Tues. April 09, 2024
2 PM

Last night I ordered a glass of wine with dinner.



The waiter asked to see my ID. I asked, "Do I look too young to drink?"

"No," he said. "I was checking to see if you qualified for the senior citizen discount."

The first bottle of Coca-Cola from 1894 contained around 3.5 grams of cocaine.
Explains why our parents & grandparents could walk to & from school, uphill, both ways, in the snow, barefoot.



Club Announcements

FINAL CALL FOR TICKETS AND PAYMENTS

PRISMA
Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy
Powell River
"Sailing to the Symphony"
SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

Dear Fellow Members - you have done a great job snapping up the special seats that your PRISMA Committee has obtained for our Club. However, we still have tickets available if anyone is interested. Tickets left over by the end of April will be returned to PRISMA.

- Tickets are at a discounted rate: \$99.00/person (consisting of a round trip ferry; lunch; concert ticket; and bus ride from the ferry to the theatre return)

PLEASE NOTE: Payment is due at the APRIL 9th general meeting. Once tickets are purchased, there will be no refunds!

Cheques need to be made payable to: "Orca PROBUS Club"

The PRISMA event is always a great day with fine music, good friends, a hearty meal and a lovely cruise.

As always thank you for your continued support.

Marie Knowles and Lawrence Petkus,
Co-chairs, PRISMA 2024

Club Announcements

In Memorium



Ron Ritchie

January 14, 1945 - February 23, 2024

Ron and Beth joined Orca Probus in 2009. Ron was part of the bowling group and loved it. Together over the years he has participated in the Appy group, Lunch group, BBQ group, Dining In, Dining out. Beth noted "All involving eating!"

Celebration of Life

Saturday, April 6, 2024 2:00 PM

Piercy's Funeral Home, 440 England Ave., Courtenay

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April Birthdays

Mona Wile

Joan Matheson; Joan Vick

George Fettes

John Lembke

Barb Wilson

Isabel Seme-Low

Beth Ritchie; Ken Talbot

Stan Strilchuk

Lynn Pringle

Shari Worsfold

Louise Casson; Bonnie Lembke

Dave Matheson

Al Tippett

Derek Mowatt

Don Bertram

April's Speaker

The subject of estate planning may make you want to shudder, but the fact is that it is something we should all be concerned about. Estate planning is not just for the wealthy; it is for everybody. The key is to plan for tomorrow today, so that you can retain more of your assets and leave a lasting legacy for your family and designated beneficiaries. Estate planning also includes making arrangements so that financial and medical decisions can be made for you when you cannot make those decisions for yourself.

On April 9th at our general meeting, we will have Jeremy Anderson who is a CPA, CA as well as a notary public. He obtained his CA designation in 2007 and has since worked in public practice and private industry across various sectors. In 2019 he decided to make a career change and began training to become a notary public, and in 2022 he was commissioned and admitted to the membership of the Society of Notaries Public of BC. Shortly thereafter, in the summer of 2023 he and his wife decided to relocate from Victoria to the Comox Valley.

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March's Meeting Clips



Lois Wortley/Bonnie and John Lembke receiving their Orca Probus badges from Bruce

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Spring Activity

A new spring event was held on March 27th at the Velocity Lounge and Driving Range at the Campbell River Golf & Country Club. 54 members attended. Everyone seemed to enjoy the various golf games as well as the bar and restaurant.

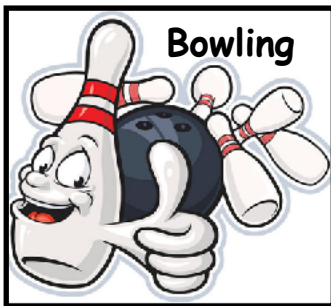


Club Activity News

Bowling

Once again we had a great turnout of players - 15 in total.

Lots of joviality and good scoring - Jill Ackerman- 310;
Norm Trace - 306;
David Kruger - 284; Marg Trace - 269; Louise Casson - 230.



There were several players chomping at their heels but couldn't quite make it - the rest of us will continue trying.

After the event a group of us headed over to Rhodos Coffee and Bistro for refreshments and a chat. A great afternoon was had by all.

Note that the bowling season will conclude in May. However, if you would like to participate at any time please let me know.

Marie Knowles



Club Activity News



Lunch at the Royston Pub. Thanks to David Oakes for the picture.



Contact Bernard Bechard to join the group. See the activity group contacts page for his email or phone.



The Wilson's and Oakes joined the McCarthys at their home.



One way to get to know fellow members of Orca Probus is over a fine meal and good conversation. If you are interested in joining the Dine In Activity Group, contact Stan Strilchuk



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PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS

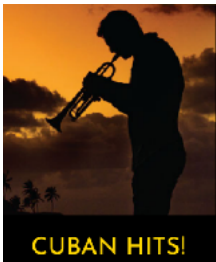
Probos Singers Report March 2024

On March 19th we decided to dedicate the songs to St. Patrick so most of our 20 songs were Irish, or had drinking or partying or green in them. The 27 in attendance had a great time as these are usually only sung once a year. We had a band of 4 guitars and an awesome rhythm section as well with tambourines and shakers. We all agreed that our moods were lifted as singing in a community is incredible therapy. Come try it some time. You might like it.

The next Probos Singers and Friends is on Tuesday, April 16th!



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A group attended the Vancouver Island Symphony's presentation of the sounds of Cuba called "Cuban Hits" at the Sid Williams Theatre. You could feel the heat and your feet were moving! Appies were enjoyed at the Gooch's after the show.



Later in the month, the group attended a tribute to Tom Petty.



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Pub Club News



The group enjoying the tastes of Kelly O'Bryan's

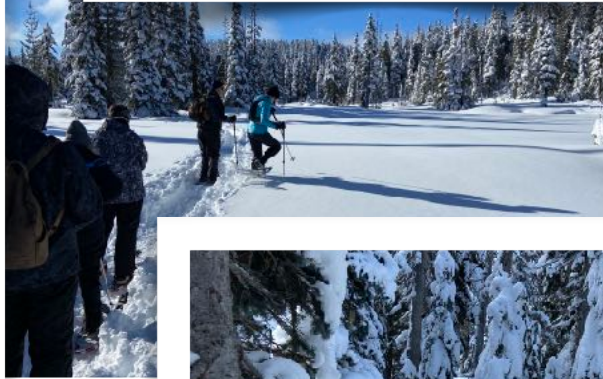


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Snowshoeing



A group finally got out in early March after Mt. Washington got a few more centimeters of snow.



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Well the Orca Walking Group managed the last of the winter snow in March and I'm sure everyone is happy to see spring has arrived. We had two walks at the Airpark, a walk at the Royston Wrecks, on a somewhat rainy day, and a beautiful walk along the Oyster River and the Salish Sea on the Pub to Pub trail. We are looking forward to some spectacular April walks to enjoy the forest's spring flowers. Come and join us on Monday afternoons at 1:30.



Things to Ponder!

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle. When 24 hours in a day is not enough. Remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked the students, if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - family, children, health, friends, and favorite passions - Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, Your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else -The small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," He continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

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Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Play With your children.

Take time to get medical checkups.

Take your partner out to dinner.

There will always be time to clean the house and fix the the window."

"Take care of the golf balls first — The things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked." "It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."