

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

January 2020

NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



Here's hoping that you all had a special Christmas Season and welcomed in the New Year of 2020 in style.

Ken Talbot, President Already we start the year with new accommodations for our Orca Club meetings, at the Comox United Church, 250 Beach Street. Whether or not this will be permanent is yet to be determined. Many thanks to the team of Caroline Urquhart, Neil Brodie and Mike and Barb Wilson who, with others, helped put it altogether.

I am sorry to miss the first meeting with you all in our new venue but know that you are in good hands with Marie leading the proceedings.

Our Management Committee is working hard to keep our club lively, interesting and welcoming. For that reason, we continue to encourage you to introduce yourself to anyone you may not know at club meetings, to help everyone feel a part of our community. It's great to see new faces in our club, and we need to help them take part in our activities to move our club forward.

Happy New Year to all! I look forward to seeing everyone in February.

Cheers!
President Ken

**The ORCA PROBUS CLUB meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
The January 14, 2020 meeting is at Comox United Church, corner Beach Dr. & Comox Ave.**

Our Website: www.orcaprobust.ca

ORCA PROBUS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Ken Talbot
Vice-President	Neil Brodie
Secretary	Marguerite Ancell
Treasurer	Caroline Urquhart
Membership	Lynnette Lynch Val Dyke
Social & Activities	Jerith Jones
Facilities	Mike & Barb Wilson
Newsletter	Bruce Ellis
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ACTIVITY GROUP CONTACTS

BBQ Group	Wendy Irwin
Bridge	MaryLynn Rasmussen
Dining Out	Lawrence Petkus
Dining In	Wendy Irwin
Garden Club	Cricket Price
Golf Group	Ross Cowan
Happy Appies	TBA
Hiking Group	Tim Ackerman
Lunch Bunch	Maxine Slater
Probus Singers	Rae Siebert
Pub Club	Howard Siebert
Quilters Group	Beth Ritchie
Book Group	Marilyn Morris
Walking Group	Deanna Provencher
Bowling Group	Marie Knowles
Wine Club	TBA

***My New Year's Eve resolution was to lose 10 pounds this year...
only 15 pounds to go!***

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

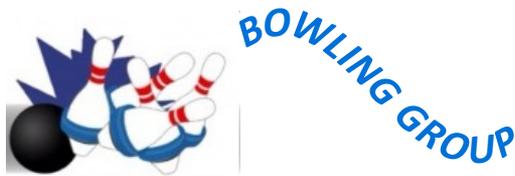


Marilyn Hemmelgarn
Mary Hutton
Margie Leighton
Chip Ross
Margaret Talbot
Pamela Melko
Sue Johnston
Ron Ritchie
Bruce Ellis



JANUARY SPEAKER

Our January 14th meeting speaker will be Mike Fournier. Mike is the Comox Valley Emergency Program Co-ordinator and also the Ground Search and Rescue Manager for the Comox Valley. Mike also teaches courses on personal emergency management.



If you feel you need to shed some of the “Christmas indulgence” please join us for bowling. We’d love to have you.

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020**

TIME: 1:00 PM

WHERE: Codes Country Lanes
307 – 6th Street, Courtenay

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

DURATION: approx. 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 plan to attend please let me know.

Marie Knowles



DINING-IN GROUP

The next season for the Dining-In group is about to start.

Sign up at the January 14 meeting, or
email **Wendy Irwin**

PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS



So here is a question for you... what do almost 40 people singing Christmas carols sound like? Right! You got it the first time! They sound absolutely AWESOME!! The living room of Jill and Tim's home was full to bursting with people eager to get into the Christmas spirit. We ran out of songbooks. We ran out of chairs. But we sure didn't run out of music. Or fun. Or the joy that comes from being with a wonderful group of people who just love to sing.

We sang our way through old favourites and new, with Rae drumming us through The Little Drummer Boy, Bev leading us all in Amen and Caroline sharing her wonderful harmonies. And did I mention Mathilde leading us in the singing of O Christmas Tree in German?

It turns out that some of the singers are pretty handy in the baking department and we had an absolutely delicious break along with some wine and champagne.

Man. What a great afternoon. Thanks to everyone who came and made this a wonderful time together. Thanks to Jill and Tim, thanks to Bruce for introducing the songs (and sneaking in a wee bit of trivia) and thanks to all of you for an amazing afternoon.

Next program **WED, JANUARY 29TH** at 2 p.m. again at the Ackerman's.

Rae, Bev and Rhonda
The Undecideds



Lunch Bunch

Eleven participants lunched at the Kingfisher on December 18th. The food was delicious and the ocean view was breathtaking.

The biggest draw for me was their wonderfully decorated garden — magical trees, shrubs and flowers lit in a rainbow of colours. Do go and see it.

Maxine



On Friday the 13th, Joan and Dave Matheson hosted 24 members of the Garden Club as we celebrated an early Christmas. There was gift giving, gift robbing, games, a contest, and our favourite garden pastime: eating! Unfortunately, our group photo did not turn out, but here is a sample of the fun we had.

My term as Garden Club Chair is now over, so there is an opportunity for one or two folks to take up the reins in the spring. Now let's get through this winter!

Cheers, Cricket



THANK YOU

At the Christmas Party, I was given a gift as your outgoing President. Thought you might like to see what it looked like.

It was an honor serving you and thank you very much for all your support throughout my term of office.

Best regards

Marie



PUB CLUB NEWS

This month we will be returning to the Griffin Pub, one of our reliable and favourite venues. They are very excited to have us back, and we can look forward to their usual good service.

Of course one of the all time favourite food items is the mushroom and pork schnitzel, so start your diet now so as to have a guilt-free meal. I will send out a copy of the menu with the notice so you can give me a broad idea as to what you will be ordering when you respond to my Email. We wouldn't want to run out of schnitzel, would we?

Our last outing in November was to the Prime Kitchen and Wine Bar. We had excellent service with the owner pitching in to help his service staff. We had a turnout of around forty members which was an all-time high for the year. I think everyone was happy with the service and there were no surprises with the food menu or the prices.



HIKING GROUP

December was not a great month for the Hiking Group with all the rain, but in 2019 we did have some good hikes. If you are interested in joining us for 2020, please sign up...





2019 Orca Christmas Party

In December we held our annual Orca Christmas Party at the Blackfin Pub in Comox. As in the past, it was a wonderful event.

