

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

SEPT 2022

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



August sure had a variety of weather. We had company for five nights – a family of 6 who arrived along with the heat that hit 88 F in our house. (We still use an ancient thermostat showing only Fahrenheit – we don't seem to buy anything new unless the old stops working). Felt sorry for kids trying to sleep in that heat.

Once they departed, we inherited the fan my son ran out to buy. We tried to buy a fan last summer but that was the summer where everything summery ran out of stock. Back then, I walked into Home Hardware and at the door the clerk announced they were out of fans, pools, umbrellas, etc. She didn't even bother to wait for me to ask for something that was out of stock.

Once the family, left the weather changed to include moderate temperatures along with the occasional welcome breeze. We certainly were lucky with the ideal weather at the August 9th Orca PROBUS Club Picnic where everyone enjoyed the social event.

After lovely August, we look forward to seeing our members at our September 13th general meeting at the Legion. Besides featuring our Activities leaders, we will also continue with Part 2 of our 20th Anniversary celebration. One of our special guests will be the PROBUS CANADA Director for Vancouver Island, Ian Kennedy. See you there!

- President Marguerite

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



SEPT. BIRTHDAYS

Rae Siebert
Claire Tetreau
Cricket Price
Peter Marshall
Mike Naish
Howard Siebert
Donna Powell

Maxine Slater
Jill Ackerman
Lily Vanderhorst
Beth Broomfield
Isabelle Pacholuk
Jim Cooper
Pamela Dowler
Joan Compton

Motion to Change Bylaw No. 2, Membership (1) at the September 13, 2022 General Meeting

The change is to increase the fee for new members in their first year, due to the rising cost of name badges and PROBUS pins.

The Motion is as follows:

An application for membership shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 beginning September 1, 2022. The membership fee may be prorated if the new member is accepted between March 1 and September 1. Upon acceptance by the Club, a new member shall be given a copy of the **STANDARD CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL PROBUS CLUBS (CANADA) AND THE ORCA PROBUS CLUB BYLAWS** and will be presented with a PROBUS lapel pin and name badge by the President or his/her designate.

The annual membership fee after the first year for all members is \$35.00.

ACTIVITY REPORT

Hello, PROBUS Members and Activity Leaders. I hope everyone has enjoyed the great summer weather, and hopefully had a chance to re-connect with family and friends.

The next PROBUS meeting on Sept 13th is fast approaching, and with it comes the opportunity to sign up for activities and special events. As always, we welcome new suggestions and ideas for activities and events.

Some members have volunteered to organize Fall and Christmas events, so we have much to look forward to. As usual, we have no guest speaker for our September meeting in order to accommodate Activity Leaders who wish to speak about their activity. Please let me know if you are intending to speak, so that you can be added to the program.

Sign-up sheets will be provided, so feel free to sign up for any/all activities that interest you.

If there are some groups without a leader, we are hopeful that someone from that group will volunteer to organize that activity.

Just a small reminder that you may wish to bring your own pen/pencil to use for signing.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces and many familiar ones on Sept 13!

- Jerith Jones

The officer said, "You drinking?" I said, "You buying?" We just laughed and laughed.... now I need bail money.

My wife claims I never listen to her... or something like that.

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

Nominations for these positions will be open until Friday, September 30, 2022

To be submitted (with prior consent to stand) to: The Nominating Committee

The election will take place at our AGM on October 11, 2022

If further nominations are received, voting will be by secret ballot.

Note: In the unlikely situation that we cannot hold a physical AGM, the list above will be acclaimed if no concerns or nominations have been received from membership by the deadline set.

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

ORCA PROBUS GOLF

JUNE – SUNNYDALE



JULY – ARROWSMITH



AUGUST - QUALICUM BEACH



*A great summer of golf!
See you in September
Dave & Isabelle Pacholuk*

20th Anniversary Party

The party / BBQ to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Orca Probus was held July 5th at the 888 Wing facility. There were posters of past Orca Presidents, as well as an ongoing slide show of photos from events and gatherings over the previous 20 years. Several former members joined in and other clubs sent their congratulations.

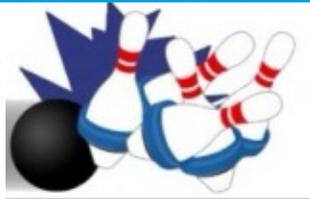
The 888 Wing facility proved to be an excellent choice. Friendly staff (Wing Volunteers) kept the party going.



Orca Summer Picnic

The group picnic in August was a great success. Perfect weather and a wonderful location at Kitty Coleman Park.





BOWLING GROUP

Bowling will not be starting up in September as the owner of the Bowling Alley needs to organize the Bowling Leagues before she can firm up public bookings.

In the past the event took place the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm.

If you are interested in participating you can sign up at the September PROBUS meeting or email the coordinator (below) to get on the distribution list.

Looking forward to the start of a bright, new season in the Fall.

Marie Knowles
Bowling Coordinator

PUB CLUB

The summer has flown by so quickly. We didn't get summer conditions until early July, but then we got the scorching temperatures with a vengeance. Well anyway, it gave good reason to be at the local brewpub, enjoying a cold brewski. Most of the brewpubs have hung in throughout the COVID crisis. Gladstones is ever expanding its boundaries, while the Cumberland Brewpub is well established and going strong. Certainly they will all benefit if the BCLCB employees prolong their strike.

Our last event in June was at the Roystown Pub. We had hoped to be on the patio, but we ended up in the back room. It was ironical that I had waited until June so that we could be seated outside and we ended up inside anyway... Fortunately, the back room capacity was expanded and there was plenty of room for all. Though we had only one server, she was very efficient and there were no significant delays in getting our orders filled.

We will be going to the Legion downstairs pub this month. They do their best to provide good service but they do require accurate numbers when it comes to attendance. Do not respond to my invitation until my notice comes out next week. If you don't get my notice, please let me know.

- Howard



WALKING GROUP

Through the summer, Melanie led the walking group out every Monday. Alternating the easy walk around the Air Park one week, with slightly more aggressive walks like Seal Bay, Nymph Falls and Lazo Marsh.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

While the Photo club did not meet over the summer, they continued to take pictures.



HIKING GROUP

Hikes continued throughout the summer under sunny skies. It is always a pleasure to see new members like Gerald, Bob and Stan joining in on the various ventures. Hikes included the Bevan/Puntledge River trail to the Comox Dam, the Helen McKenzied/Battleship Lake loop in Strathcona, and the local Wildwood trails. Wow, a total of 10 hikers out for the August hike. Is COVID in the rear view mirror??

As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words... so enjoy.



THE LONG JOURNEY OF AN OLD BOAT

Those who have participated in the hiking and walking groups that ventured into Wildwood park, may remember taking a diversion onto Wildwood Road to see the old boat. The story was told that this was originally a fishing boat confiscated from a Japanese/Canadian fisherman in WWII. After many owners, it was hauled up to this secluded spot, possibly for refurbishing, but then abandoned.

Over the years as the hikers passed, the boat continued to deteriorate. This first picture was taken in 2016. The second picture, taken on Tim Ackerman's hike last week, shows all that remains — the rusty engine and the bow stem.

A long journey.

