



Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

March

2024

Presidents Podium

Well February is over. Took longer than usual.

March appears to be coming in like a lamb so, if the Farmer's Almanac is correct, do not plan anything for the end of March.

It now appears that we will be staying at the Comox Legion for our meetings for the time being. They have new management and have indicated to me that they have no plans to shut down.



Bruce Ellis

We are being asked to help with the tables and chairs. We will need a few people to show up early for meetings, say 1:30 to set up the tables for the meeting. More importantly, we need some people to volunteer to stay for 10 minutes after the meeting to put some of the tables and chairs away. It always seems to fall on the same group so would appreciate a few more people to pitch in. I know it delays your first beer at the pub, but not for long.

Over the next few months you may be approached by one of the executive team to see if you are interested in volunteering for next year's executive. Our club runs on volunteers, so please consider serving. None of the roles are difficult and I have always felt that the monthly executive meetings to be one of the best social groups in the club.

I will be the presenter at this month's meeting and looking forward to sharing my story with you.

Bruce Ellis

Club Executive

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| President | Bruce Ellis | Communication..... | Mike Wilson |
| Vice-President..... | Debbie Olson | Social | Barb Wilson |
| Secretary | Gwendolyne Kruger | Facilities..... | Rod Olson |
| Treasurer | Mike Naish | Past President | Marguerite Ancell |
| Membership | Pat Ellis | Sunshine | Deanna Provencher |

Club Announcements

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Dates to Remember

Walking: Every Monday
Bowling: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Singing: 3rd Tuesday of the month 2-4 pm
Dining Out: 4th Tuesday of the month
Quilting: 3rd Tuesday of the month
BookWorms: Last Friday of the month

Spring Event at Velocity Lounge & Driving Range
1PM Wed. March 27, 2024

PRISMA: Saturday, June 29, 2024

next ORCA PROBUS CLUB meeting:
Tues. March 12, 2024
2 PM

March Birthdays

Art Rees

Joan Mumby

Linda Taylor

Cheryl Cooper

Gail Embury

Vance McCarthy

Angus Mumby

Pat Verschoor

Sadie Brodie

Club Announcements

"SAIL TO THE SYMPHONY"

Saturday, June 29, 2024

PRISMA (Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy)

To all those who enjoyed themselves at last year's PRISMA "Sail to the Symphony" event and to our new members: what better way is there to celebrate the summer? Join us for a summer sail, a fabulous lunch, and a great concert with PRISMA 2024.

- Last time we were able to reserve the **best seats in the house**. This year we have been granted the same privilege. This means: no stairs, no bleachers, far enough up audience to have an excellent view of everything onstage, yet close enough to have a truly intimate musical experience.
- We are informed that both the **dining arrangements** and excellent food preparation will also be repeated. The last menu included salmon, chicken, and vegetarian options, etc.
- The same **transportation** situation - discounted ferry rates and a free shuttle to the Evergreen Theatre are as before.
- The package cost is \$110 per person. However, **PRISMA is offering a 10% discount** on the packages for groups like ours, which means the **cost will be \$99.00**.
- We have asked PRISMA to hold 70 packages at the discounted rate, however, these will only be held for us until **April 30, 2024**, at which time unsold tickets must be returned and final payment made.
- This year's matinee performance includes Mahler's Symphony Concert 2, **The Resurrection Symphony**, and the Finalists of PRISMA's Concerto Competition 2024.

Lawrence and Marie will have a table set up at the March 12, 2024 in person meeting where you can reserve your tickets for the event. NOTE: At the April 9, 2024 general meeting final payment for all tickets will be required. There will be no refunds after payment.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of PRISMA. We love organizing this for you and look forward to another successful event.

PRISMA
Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy
Powell River

SATURDAY JUNE 29, 2024

Although June seems a long way away, please enter this date into your calendars so you don't miss this great opportunity.

PRISMA organizers are working hard to fine tune all the details for the event and to determine an affordable price. We should have more concrete information by the March newsletter.

Co-Chairs: Marie Knowles and Lawrence Petkus

Club Announcements

Looking for a new home . . .

If anyone is a Japanese cuisine fan you may be interested in the following box of goodies.

We received this as a Christmas gift from my son and I am at a complete loss as to what he was thinking as neither Mike or myself particularly care for Japanese food.

So if you or someone you know would be interested in \$200.00 of **free** Momofuku products email Barb Wilson



HOME COOKING ESSENTIALS

★★★★☆ (970)

\$205.00 ~~\$273.00~~

Made for the aspiring home chef, this mega pack has everything someone needs to bring restaurant-grade flavor into the kitchen and up their cooking game.

This pack features nearly all our Momofuku products: Soy & Scallion Noodles, Spicy Soy Noodles, Tingly Chili Wavy Noodles, Spicy Chili Noodles, Sweet & Spicy Noodles, Savory Seasoned Salt, Spicy Seasoned Salt, Tingly Seasoned Salt, 2 Original Chili Crunch jars, Chili Crunch Hot Honey, Black Truffle Chili Crunch, Extra Spicy Chili Crunch, Soy Sauce, and Tamari.

Six Irish men were playing poker when one of them played a bad hand and died...

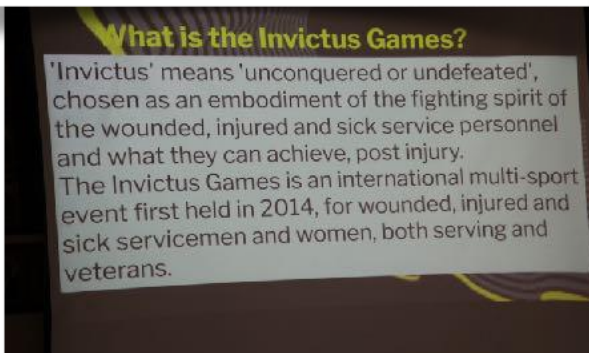
The rest drew straws to see who would tell his wife. One man draws the shortest straw and goes to his friend's house to tell the wife.

The man says to her, "Your husband lost some money in the poker game and is afraid to come home."

The wife says, "Tell him to drop dead!" The man responds, "I'll go tell him."

Club News

Action around the room at the February meeting!



**Carol Coupland
receiving her Probus badge**

Club News

Our speaker for the March meeting will be Bruce Ellis, our club president.

Bruce has been building historical model ships for over 50 years. In his presentation he will describe some of the models he has completed along with details on the construction steps he has learned over the years. But he will also share some of the historical stories that go with many of these ships. Stories that range from the Santa Maria to HMS Victory.

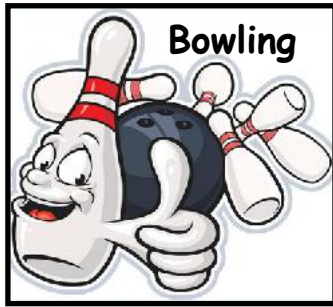


When Billy saw Paddy with one of his shoelaces undone, he said, "Watch you don't trip up over your laces, Paddy." Paddy said, "Yeah, it's these bloody instructions."

Billy said, "What instructions, Paddy?"

Paddy replies, "Underneath the shoe, it says 'Taiwan'."

Club Activity News



What a special day - Valentine's Day - to spend at the bowling alley with a loved one. 16 players attended dressed in red or close to being in red.



The sun was shining outside and it poured through the front area of the bowling alley to put all of us in good spirits and of course the bowling always puts everyone in good spirits.

As usual there was lots of fun and laughter, complaints about the gutter balls and of course the cheers because players like Mike Wilson and Carol Coupland were regularly scoring strikes. Yours truly (me) was not experiencing that moment!

The "stars of the show" were - Mike Wilson with a score of 337 followed by Georgia McLellan with 299. Well done!! There were also 7 players who tipped the 200 mark. Don't think the rest of us didn't score well because we did - we just didn't quite get to the 200 mark.

After the event a group of us headed over to Rhodos Coffee and Bistro for refreshments and a chat.

Was a wonderful afternoon and when we left the coffee shop there was still lots of sunshine to enjoy.

Anyone wanting to get in on the bowling please let me know.

Marie Knowles



Club Activity News



Lunch at the Chinese restaurant Golden Carriage. Thanks to David Oakes for the pictures.



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

The McCarthys and Wilsons joined the Oakes at their home.



Club Activity News

PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS



On February 20th the Probus Singers and Friends group met and sang their hearts out as we enjoyed songs with a "relationship" focus. We sang songs that were new to some and songs that brought back so many memories. It was a great

afternoon and we were blessed to have 5 acoustic guitars and a bass. What a group it was! Please join us on March 19th as we focus on Irish tunes.

Rod and Debbie Olson



Club Activity News



WoW! Look at what the ladies in the quilting group have been creating lately!

Definitely showing their talents!!



Club Activity News

HIKING



We undertook a couple of Cumberland hikes during February, taking advantage of the unusually good condition of the trails for this time of the year and visiting some of the local scenic highlights.



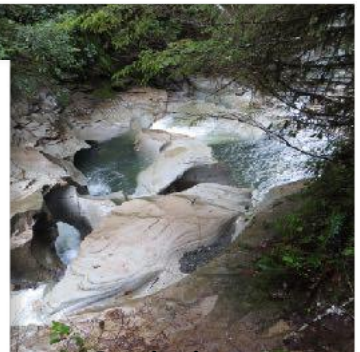
Bucket of Blood



Harvey's Bridge



Perseverance Potholes



Club Activity News



The walking group enjoyed walks to the Airpark, Lazo swamp around Sand Pines crescent, Point Holmes and Melba's Pond at Seal Bay. The weather was great and everyone had a good time. We are looking forward to walks in March to enjoy the trillium blooming and hopefully to see the herring spawn.



Ross Cowan is challenging the Orca Probus Club to the following . . .

What common English word is nine letters long, and each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English word ... from nine letters all the way down to a single remaining letter.

Have you figured out the word?

Giving Up . . . answer is at the end of the newsletter. No Peeking!!

Club Activity News

Pub Club News



The group enjoying the Flying
Canoe West Coast Pub



"When we drink, we get drunk . When we get drunk, we fall asleep.
When we fall asleep, we commit no sin. When we commit no sin, we go to
heaven.

So, let's all get drunk and go to heaven."

George Bernard Shaw

Things to Ponder!

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes she is feeling in herself? She sent me the following:

1 After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.

2 I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

3 I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.

4 I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.

5 I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.

6 I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

7 I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."

8 I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

9 I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.

10 I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.

11 I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.

12 I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.

13 I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.

14 I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

I decided to share this with all my friends. Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age?

Better than a Flu Shot?

Miss Beatrice, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. She was admired for her sweetness and kindness to all.

One afternoon the pastor came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited him to have a seat while she prepared tea. As he sat facing her old Hammond organ, the young minister noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it. The bowl was filled with water, and in the water floated, of all things, a condom!

When she returned with tea and scones, they began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and its strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist.

'Miss Beatrice', he said, 'I wonder if you would tell me about this?' pointing to the bowl. 'Oh, yes,' she replied, 'Isn't it wonderful? I was walking through the park a few months ago and I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter!'

What common English word is nine letters long, and each time you remove a letter from it, it still remains an English word ... from nine letters all the way down to a single remaining letter.

That word is STARTLING. You will notice that if you remove the L, you are left with STARTING. If you remove the T, you are left with STARING. And if you remove the A, you are left with STRING. Next, if you remove the R you are left with STING. If you remove the T you have SING. Remove G you have SIN. Remove S and you have IN. After you removed the N you left with I. All of those are English words.

Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.

Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?"

Billy says, "In the car."

Paddy says, "That's the quickest way."