



Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

June

2023

Presidents Podium



Neil Brodie

They say a busy club is a happy one, so I think we should be in high spirits. Lots going on these days and more planned so stay posted. The Wilson's, Dyke's, and Morris's organized a great scavenger hunt which was enjoyed by all participants, and even the Prez was able to finish.

We are checking out the feasibility of an Octoberfest this fall which I think would be a blast. We are looking for someone to be lead organizer.

So, don't just sit back, get involved.

Summer is fast approaching with a BBQ and a picnic being organized. Make plans to join us.

Again, thank you to all those willing volunteers who have been busy organizing and helping with all our entertaining activities.

Cheers,
Neil



Dates to Remember

Walking: Every Monday

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

PRISMA: ----- June 24th, 2023

JULY BBQ: ----- July 11, 2023

AUGUST PICNIC: -- Aug 08, 2023

COWICHAN WINE TOUR (PENDING) Sept 22, 2023

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Club News

June Birthdays

Bert Cronk

Glenn Grieve

Joan Bertram

Tom Walker

Tim Ackerman

Marilyn Morris

Alex Wile

Jayne Boyer

Cornelia Keijser

Mike Graham

Nicola O'Conner

Judy Chrysler

Josette Graham

July Birthdays

Neil Brodie

Betsy Symons

Tim Rabbitt

Terry Broomfield

Lorne Irwin

Bronwen Beedle

John Dickinson

Miles Jones

Brenda Oakes

Marie Knowles

Wendy Tippet

Carol Kujala

Roderick Montague

Georgia McLellan

Cheryl Rabbitt

Ross Cowan

Norm Trace

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August Birthdays

Ginny Lowrie

Lynnette Lynch

Laura Wendland

George Low

Rick Baldwin

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Mary Jane Rees

Brenda Jarvis

Luana Buchanan

Karen Ross

Alice Strilchuk

Topic of June's speaker is Elder College

Mike Fuller has a BA in Economics (Washington State University) and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. His work experience includes mowing lawns, delivering newspapers, a course instructor at three universities, IBM sales, real estate sales and property management, leadership speaker and consultant culminating with mowing fairways at Crown Isle. He has taken several courses at Elder College and has been impressed by the quality of instructors and the excellent content contained in the subjects covered.

NEW SECTION OF NEWSLETTER CALLED "What's Up"

What have you be up to since we last saw you. Share pictures and description of your travels, fun times shared with friends around town, or how about that wonderful garden design that you want to create. Another example might be a picture of your cat scoping out a hummingbird, etc. Whatever you want to share with the members of Orca Probus.

Club News

Club Announcements

PRISMA TICKETS ARE READY FOR PICKUP

Your package containing concert/lunch tickets, ferry vouchers and instruction sheet will be available for pick up at the June 13th PROBUS meeting.

If you wish to pick them up sooner please contact Marie Knowles

Looking forward to a great event.

Thank you for all your support once again.
Marie Knowles/Lawrence Petkus



SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, July 11th 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Social Barbecue at Kin Beach
(Covered picnic area)

RAIN or SHINE: Bring your chairs, beverages, BBQ meat, and plates/cutlery.

POT LUCK: Please bring an Appy, Salad or Dessert to share.

Club will provide, napkins, garbage bags, condiments and BBQ's.

There will be some lawn games available as well!

Please Come!



Save the Date

Tuesday, Aug 8th 11am - ?
Picnic Social at Kitty Coleman Beach
(Covered picnic area)

Further information to follow in July

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Club Announcements

ATTENTION: OCTOBERFEST PARTY LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ORGANIZE

Signup Sheet will be available at June meeting

Organizational ideas

- ★ This event will have to be financially paid for by participants.
- ★ Venue ideas: The Wing 888 (they have a superb kitchen and a large BBQ); the Little Red Church
- ★ To keep costs down the music could be a playlist and piped in through the Wing 888's sound system. Not sure the Little Red Church has a sound system. If an inexpensive DJ could be found, that is another option.
- ★ Food ideas: BBQ'd sausages with a full range of condiments, potato salads, cheese dip and pretzels, sauerkraut, apple strudel, etc. Potato salads, and strudel could be made by members.

Couples receiving badges



Cornelia and
Hans Keijser



Betsy Symons



Neville and Pauline Pawson

Club News

Club Announcements

One of our Orca Probus members requested that this fund raiser be included in this month's newsletter. Approved by the executive!

Luke Blu Guthrie Concert To Raise Funds for Community Outreach & Habitat for Humanity

The Reverend Ryan Slifka announces that St. George's United Church, located in the heart of downtown Courtenay at 505 6th Street, invites everyone to the enjoy the toe-tapping tunes of Luke Blu Guthrie In Concert on Sunday, June 4, 2pm-4pm.

Guthrie, who calls Comox Valley home, has been an integral part of the Vancouver Island music scene for two decades. He is widely respected for his versatility and skill as songwriter, soulful vocalist and guitar player who also plays a unique foot percussion rig.



Born of humble beginnings in a rural setting, much of Guthrie's music is reflective of his childhood experiences living a simple lifestyle while surrounded by a colourful and eclectic cast of characters. These experiences, combined with an unquenchable thirst to understand the mechanics and soul of music, have helped to shape and guide his personal and musical journey. The result is a body of contemplative, original music that bends and blurs the boundaries between multiple genres.

Guthrie's concert is the first of several fundraiser concerts in the St. George's Singer-Songwriter Showcase. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to Habitat for Humanity.

Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/luke-blu-guthrie-in-concert-tickets-634322434477>.

Club News

WHAT'S UP!



Members of the probus garden group took part in the Comox Valley Horticulture Society's garden tours in the Black Creek/North Courtenay area. Lynette Lynch, with her daughter, and Judy Chrysler enjoying one of the gardens.



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WHAT'S UP!

Probus member, Jill Ackerman, doing her thing in support of community organizations.

The first one is a group of us from Back Country Horsemen went to MARS and helped remove invasive plant species. Janet provided coffee and donuts after the fabulous tour of the facilities.

The other jobs I partook in was at our horse camp in Sayward at Memekay where for the past 4 years I have cleaned 3 outhouses in prep for the season opener. Not the best job in the world but if I don't think about it, it just gets cleaned up. I definitely wear a mask!

There were several fallen trees that needed bucking up and splitting and stacking. Such a hard working group and I am grateful to be a part of them.



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April's Meeting Clips



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May 24th Scavenger Hunt

On May 24th our members thoroughly enjoyed the second, and hopefully annual, scavenger hunt. The route started at Glacier Greens arena on Military Row and ended 2 hours later at the same location. There were 31 participants who did their darnedest to complete a route through Comox, downtown Courtenay and then around through the north of Courtenay. As they drove this circuitous route they needed to answer 76 questions plus taking pictures of certain locations, to prove that they actually had been there. Dinner followed at the Griffen Pub where the staff, as always, worked their culinary magic and provided delicious food to almost 40 people. Old timers to the valley seem to have had a real handle on finding the answers to the questions!



1st prize at 95.5 went to
Sadie & Neil Brodie / Robin &
John Dickinson / Deanna
Provencher
2nd prize at 91 went to
Isabelle & Dave Pacholuk /
Joan & Dave Matheson
3rd prize at 85 went to Pat &
Bruce Ellis / Luana & Ken
Buchanan / Ross Cowan

Club Activity News

Bowling



Our last bowling event on May 10 was you might say a blast! Due to vacations, illness etc. only 7 players were able to attend.

At the end our Champion for the season was crowned - well not a real crown but we patted him on the back. Our bowling maestro is **MIKE WILSON** with a **season score of 2294 points**. Fantastic.

Next in line are the following: LOUISE CASSON - 2010 points; BARBARA WILSON - 1636 points; RON RITCHIE - 1572 points; JILL ACKERMAN - 1538 points; MARIE KNOWLES - 1510 points and GORDIE MARCH - 1374 points.



Thank you to everyone who came out to bowl this season.



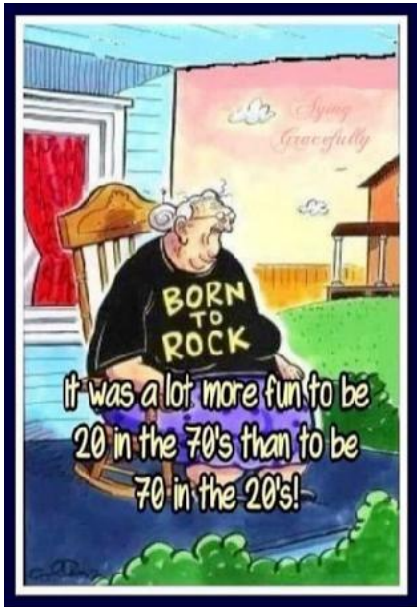
The successes of our activities are due to the members who attend them. Without people there isn't an activity.

Looking forward to another great season starting in October.

Marie Knowles



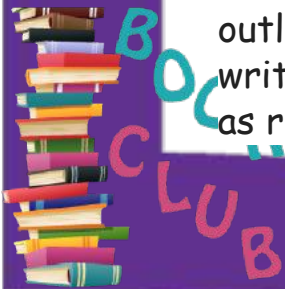
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"First you buy me a new coat and now a trip to Lion Safari Park. What's got into you lately?"

Our May gathering was unique with our book's author, Ellen Keith attending via Zoom from Spain. Ellen is the daughter of Orca Probus members Evelyn and Rod Keith. Ellen discussed her second book *The Dutch Orphan* and outlined some of her writing processes as well as responding to

questions from the group. The novel is set in Amsterdam during the Nazi occupation of WW2. The book explores the various responses, resistance and compliance, of individuals living under the conditions of the occupation.



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The Orca Walking Group enjoyed a walk to Morrison Creek Nature Park. The fawn lilies and trillium were spectacular. We also walked through Cumberland's Chinatown and Japanese town and also checked out the Disk Golf course where we were given a short lesson on Disk golf. Seal Bay provided good shade for a morning walk during the May heat wave and Nymph Falls was perfect for a windy day walk. Now that summer weather has arrived, many of our walks will be Monday morning to avoid the heat. Watch for the Sunday emails for details. If you would like to join our group please contact Melanie Olson

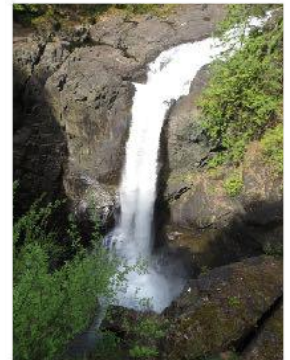


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A small, select subgroup of the club hikers followed a rather circuitous route from Nymph Falls to Comox Dam, returning by the more conventional River Trail and admiring the Trilium display along the way.



The hiking group had an expedition to Elk Falls on 11 May, following the Canyon View and Millenium trails, with lunch at the falls and a brief loop to admire the Moose Falls also.



A (very) small group of the Probus hikers completed a scenic circuit on the Cumberland trails on 25 May. Image courtesy of Anne Judson.

Jim ponders why and where his fellow hikes have wandered!



Hiking Group

Club Activity News



Dining and Theatre

The group of 18 members took in The Valley Youth Fiddlers, a talented community-based ensemble of 65 musicians from Smithers, and their latest production, Tanglewood.

Tanglewood is a beautiful tale about the music of place, showcasing the sounds that have been shaped by mentors and the natural resonance of land itself. The story is told through the lens of woodland characters that inhabit Tanglewood. The Valley Youth Fiddlers' performance elements are carefully woven together to carry the audience along an imaginative journey through Tanglewood, featuring a playful mix of storytelling, animation, music, and dance.

Prior to the show, 15 members enjoyed conversation and good food at the High Tide.



Club Activity News

Pub Club News



The pub group ventured into the Ace Brewing Company. Ace referring to Ace Fighter Pilots in WW1 and WW11 fighting for the Military community of CFB Comox. Members enjoyed signature lagers and innovative, unique varieties crafted by the award winning Brewer.



Club Activity News

PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS

There were only a few people who came out in May to enjoy the singing and camaraderie of sharing a mutual love for music. The set list was comprised of requests by the participants and we all enjoyed reminiscing about the tunes and lyrics.

The next Probus Singing will take place on Tuesday, June 20th at 2:00. Please note the time change from 2:30 to 2:00. This will be our last session until September so we hope to have many of you attend. There will be snacks to enjoy!

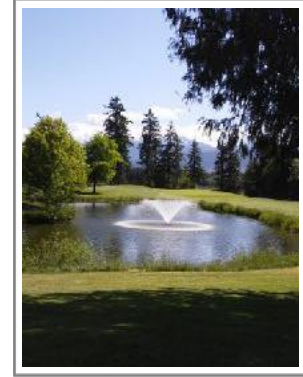
The address is 1025 Ryan Road and if there is nobody at the door, ring 204 and I'll buzz you in.

Cheers!
Rod and Debbie Olson



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ORCA PROBUS GOLF
ARROWSMITH GOLF



PHOTOS:

Jill Ackerman

Dave Kruger

Miles Jones,

Dave Pacholuk

When I was young,
I was a poor golfer.
But after years of play
and practice,
I am no longer young.

Things to Ponder!

In a rural area a farmer was tending to his horse named Buddy, and along came a stranger who desperately needed the farmer's help. The stranger had lost control of his vehicle and ran it off into a ditch. The stranger asked the farmer if his horse could somehow pull the vehicle out of the ditch for him and told the farmer that the vehicle was small. The farmer said he would come, bring his horse, and take a look, but could not promise he could help if his horse might be injured in some way from attempting to pull the vehicle out of the ditch. The farmer did see that the stranger was correct and that the vehicle was small, so the farmer took a rope and fixed it so that his horse, Buddy, would be able to pull the vehicle out of the ditch. The farmer then said, "Pull, Casey, Pull," but the horse would not budge. The farmer then said, "Pull, Bailey, Pull," but the horse would not budge again. The farmer then said, "Pull, Mandy, Pull," and again the horse would not move. The farmer then said, "Pull, Buddy, Pull," and the horse pulled until the vehicle was out of the ditch. The stranger was so very grateful, but asked the farmer why he called the horse by different names? The farmer said, "Buddy is blind, and I had to make him think he had help pulling the car out of the ditch or he would not have pulled."

Lesson: Don't wait on others in order to accomplish something or you may always be in a ditch. Sometimes we won't attempt to do something if we know we don't have help.

