

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

September 2020

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



I hope you all enjoyed this unusual summer which seems to me to have just flown by. Last week your Management Committee gave Zoom a rest and held its first face-to-face meeting since March while social distancing in the lovely Gardens on Anderton.

It is pretty obvious that we will not be able to hold any physical full Club meetings for the next few months, so we are working on a Fall program which will, we hope, compensate somewhat. So please hold the usual Tuesday afternoons open while we try to arrange Zoom presentations and virtual meetings. Please be patient as we are on a steep learning curve. We have set up a small committee to make this happen and are getting advice from PROBUS Canada. However, if anyone is proficient in Zoom and would like to help out, please let us know.

We have also decided to continue everyone's membership while waiving fees until at least January 2021, and will also be continuing our monthly phone calls to you all. It is great to see several of our activity groups are continuing, and if anyone has any ideas for new activities, again please let us know.

We will continue to issue our monthly newsletter to help you keep smiling. Stay safe as we work our way through the coming months.

Cheers!

President Ken

In Memorium



Teresa Mead

Tess joined Orca Probus in 2005 and served as Secretary in 2010.

In 2011 she took over the Membership role, and many of you will remember her welcoming you to meetings.

Tess originally joined the Hiking Group, where Earl recalls that she was not shy in offering opinions. She later joined the Walking Group, and her brother recalls how she fondly remembered the walks around the Air Park.

Tess, you will be missed.

NOTICE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Orca PROBUS Club Nominating Committee has proposed the following members as Officers of the Club for 2020-2021:

President – Miles Jones
Vice-President – Marguerite Ancell
Secretary – Karen Fettes
Treasurer – Caroline Urquhart
Membership – Lynnette Lynch/Melanie Olson
Facilities – Barb and Mike Wilson
Social/Activities – Jerith Jones
Publicity / Newsletter – Bruce Ellis
Past President – Ken Talbot

Nominations for these positions will be open until
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

To be submitted (with prior consent to stand) to:
The Nominating Committee, c/o Marie Knowles
3416 Crown Isle Drive, Courtenay, BC V9N 9X7
or at email: marieknowles@shaw.ca

The election will take place at our AGM on October 13th, 2020.
If further nominations are received, voting will be by secret ballot.

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

*Thank you to the Committee:
Ken Talbot, Neil Brodie, Paul Ellegood & Marilyn Morris, for their hard work
and perseverance, resulting in an excellent slate of candidates.*

*Our friend David tells me he had his ID stolen.
Now he is just known as Dav.*

September Meeting

We will not be able to get together for a September meeting, but we are going to try to have a ZOOM meeting with a special presenter, Chris Vollum. Chris will be presenting social media issues that may affect your grandchildren. He will teach us about all those apps that the younger people are using, like Tiktok and Snapchat etc.

You will sign-in to ZOOM on your computer (or device) to watch the presentation. You will not require a camera or microphone if your machine does not have them. The meeting time will be 2:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8. We will send you the details on how to sign in to the meeting, along with the password, a few days before. If you have not used ZOOM, it is very simple and we will walk you through it.

This is an opportunity for our club to learn how we can continue to meet while adhering to the province's isolation and safe distancing practices. We hope you will all join in.

September is also the month where we normally sign up for the various activity groups. For the time being, Probus National has advised that we can only have activities that can be done outdoors. We will be contacting the activity leaders to see which programs will continue, and advise which you can join by e-mail.



Buddy

A Lady Posts

I recently purchased this gorgeous Chocolate Lab puppy as a surprise gift for my husband, only to find out that he is allergic to dogs.

So I have to find him a new home.

Is anyone interested?

His name is Alan, he is 61, good at DIY, has most of his hair, and owns a car.

Courtesy of the National Probus newsletter



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 02 – Rae Siebert | 14 – Lily Vanderhorst |
| 02 – Caroline Urquhart | 16 – Beth Broomfield |
| 03 – Claire Tetreau | 17 – Margaret Forgeron |
| 05 – Cricket Price | 20 – Isabelle Pacholuk |
| 06 – Peter Marshall | 24 – Richard Melko |
| 08 – Mike Naish | 27 – Tony Wilson |
| 08 – Howard Siebert | 28 – Jim Cooper |
| 11 – Donna Powell | 28 – Pam Dowler |
| 13 – Maxine Slater | 29 – Joan Compton |

Dining in

Most of the Dining In groups did not meet this summer, except for one group which managed to meet while dining outside.



Guess who these members are – here's what they looked like when they were younger!



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We will have this feature every month for awhile.

GOLF GROUP

On July 22nd, we had 20 golfers out for "nine & dine" at Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course. With excellent weather, we enjoyed their outdoor patio for dinner overlooking the Qualicum Bay waterfront.

On August 19th, 22 of us tackled the 18-hole Glacier Greens Golf Course, with 3 ladies preferring to just play 9 holes, starting later to finish at the dinner hour. The weather forecast had called for some mild showers that afternoon, but other than some occasional sprinkles we got our golf in, followed by dinner on their covered patio.

Our next golf event will be at Sunnydale on Thursday, September 10th, as they will be aerating the greens the following week. Stay tuned for my e-mail notice to register shortly.

Ross Cowan
Orca Probus Golf Co-ordinator



Many of you may remember Linda McLean as she gave a presentation to us at one of our Probus meetings. Here is an interesting item from CHEK news with local interest.

<https://www.cheknews.ca/op-ed-covid-the-wedding-crasher-695775/>

WOOD WORKING GROUP

Barb Wilson organized a small group of ladies from the club to build garden obelisks in a workshop set up on her driveway. Who knows, maybe more projects to come!



READING GROUP

The reading group continues to meet outdoors. Here they are discussing *Salmon Fishing in Yemen*.

Editor's note:

*I thought if you wanted to go
Salmon fishing you would go to
Campbell River, not Yemen!*

