



Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

July

2023

Summer Edition

Presidents Podium



Neil Brodie

Summer is here and I am sure you are all putting the final plans together for some relaxing activities. I know some of you will venture further afield while many of us will enjoy the charms of our own Island. I'm planning on a couple of trips to Port Hardy to bob around in the fog hoping something tugs on my line.

I do want to remind you about some fun PROBUS activities we have planned to kick start your summer. Our upcoming BBQ at Kin beach is for July 11 and the club picnic is in August at Kitty Coleman Provincial Park. Hope to see you for some fun and games. And In the Fall what could be better than a wine tour and an old fashioned Oktoberfest with giant steins of beer, polkas and lederhosen.

Cheers, Neil

Dates to Remember

WALKING: Every Monday

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

AUGUST PICNIC: -- Aug 08, 2023

COWICHAN WINE TOUR -- Sept 22, 2023

Club News

Club Executive

President	Neil Brodie	Communication	Mike Wilson
Vice-President	Bruce Ellis	Facilities	Debbie/Rod Olson
Secretary	Tim Rabbitt	Social	Barb Wilson
Treasurer	Mike Naish	Past President	Marguerite Ancell
Membership	Pat Ellis	Sunshine	Deanna Provencher

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**New members:
Brent and Dea Bullis**

Club News

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

August Birthdays

Ginny Lowrie

Lynnette Lynch

Laura Wendland

George Low

Rick Baldwin

Mary Jane Rees

Brenda Jarvis

Luana Buchanan

Karen Ross

Alice Strilchuk

Club News

Club Announcements

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

Pack your picnic basket! Come and join the rest of your Probus members for some enjoyable conversation in a beautiful setting!

The picnic area has numerous picnic tables but if you have folding chairs you might consider bringing them.

For those that have not been to Kitty Coleman, here are the directions. Drive north on Hwy 19a. Just before Merville turn right on Coleman Road then left on Left Road.



Then right on Whitaker Road. Follow that down to the ocean passing Woodland Gardens. Turn right past the office. The group picnic area is behind the office. Plenty of parking.

September Cowichan Valley Wine Tour

The wheels on our bus are going to be going round and round, as the Wine Tour of the Cowichan Valley is a GO!

We have 37/40 seats filled, so please ask a friend to fill the remaining; first come first served.

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WHAT'S UP!

Last executive meeting until August held
at Neil's home.



Who's the executive that is hiding
from the camera????

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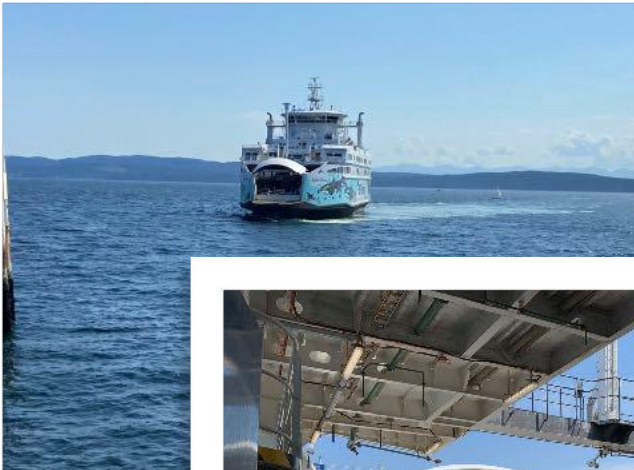
WHAT'S UP!

PRISMA MATINÉE CONCERT

Titanic Power

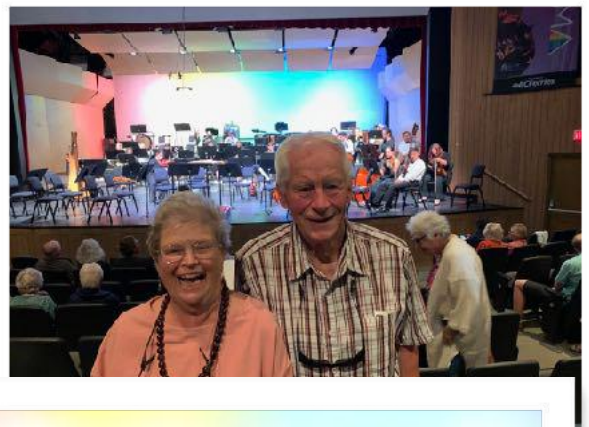
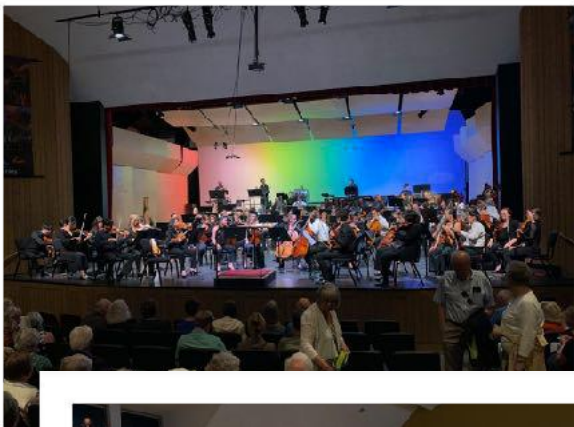
This concert featured a reprise of the June 23 evening program, as we welcomed not only locals but over 300 'Sail to the Symphony' Tour patrons from Vancouver Island.

They experienced Mahler's Symphony No. 1 in D Major: "Titan". Plus, an encore performance by our 2023 Concerto Competition winner and runner-up.



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April's Meeting Clips



Photos by
David Oakes

Club Activity News

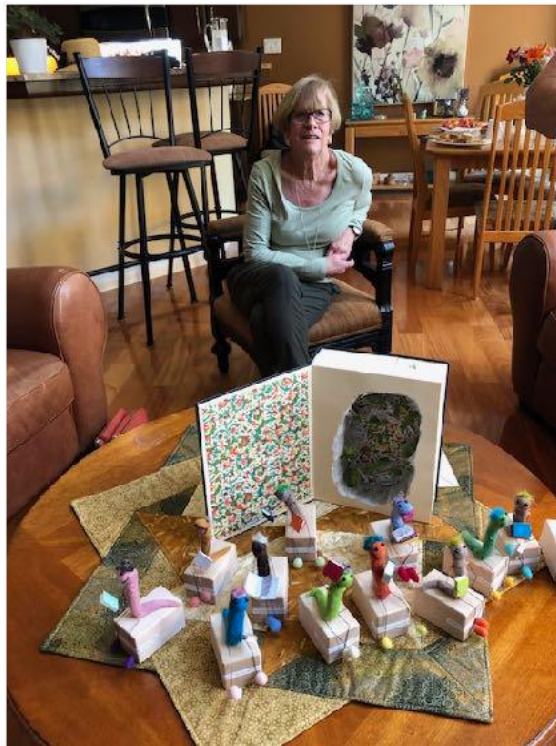
Dining Out



Club Activity News

In June the Bookworms met to discuss "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. We all liked this book but the big surprise was a "Lesson in Creativity" by the very artistic Cricket Price.

As well as the dictionary of "Bookworms" each of our book lovers received their very own and very cute "bookworm". Thank you to Cricket, the smiles lasted for days.



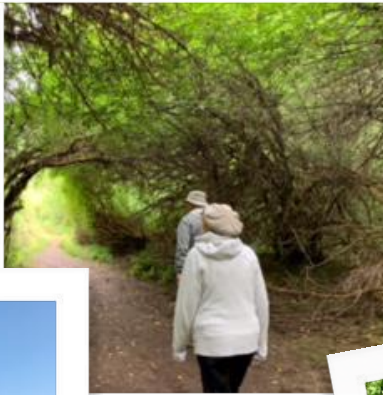
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This June, the Walking Group enjoyed walking along the Puntledge River walk, the Airpark south and Miracle Beach Provincial Park trails. We planned to walk the Tsolum River Spirit Trail, but the bear Bruce saw at the very beginning of our planned walk stopped us dead in our tracks. He wasn't a particularly large bear but all agreed it was best not to follow the original plan. Instead we drove further down the road and checked out the old Headquarters townsite. It was well worth the extra drive.

We will be walking Monday mornings at 10:30 until the fall to avoid the heat of the day. If you would like to join us please contact Melanie.

We have a lovely social time and have enjoyed checking out new areas.



Club Activity News

Hiking Group

On 6 June a small band of Orca hikers explored the farthest corners of Seal Bay before finally finding the beach in time for lunch.



On 29 June the Hiking Group followed the Ripple Rock trail to the spectacular Seymour Narrows overlook: perfect weather and a great lunch spot



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Pub Club



Fluids was the destination for the Pub Club after June's monthly meeting. Photos were supplied by Jill Ackerman and David Oakes



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A morning paddle from Pt. Holmes to Kye Bay.



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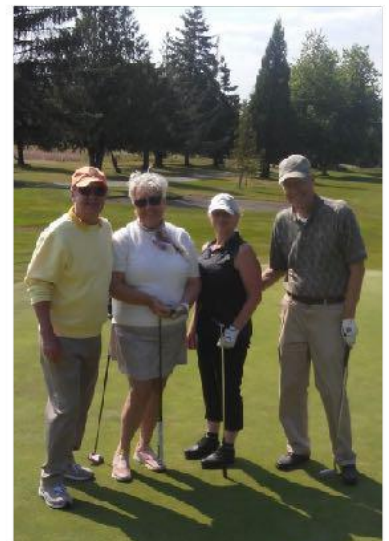


SUNNYDALE

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Orca Probus June 20th

The perfect weather day!

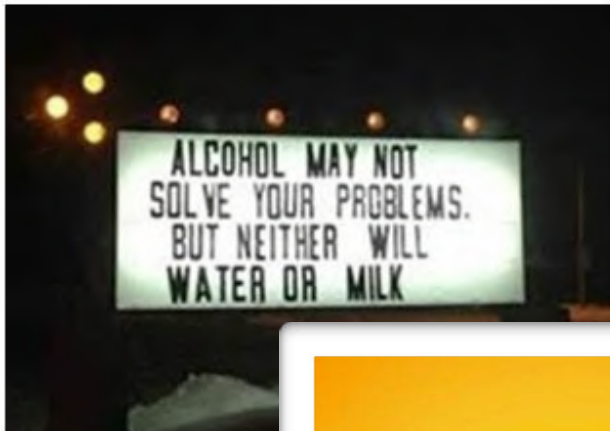


Things to Ponder!

People enjoy doing the scramble puzzle in the daily newspaper. This is a simple exercise, generally looked down upon by serious crossword puzzlers. I don't care. I enjoy it and have learned to shrug off their holier-than-thou smirks when they walk by and see me scratching my head over a scrambled word. Which brings me to the word 'senator'. I was recently thinking about the US senators who are so desperate for power, they are willing to undermine the founding principles of the US democracy. And then it occurred to me, if you play the scramble game with the letters in the word 'senator', you get an entirely different word. Go ahead, play. I'll wait . . .

SENATOR

For crossword puzzlers: seven letters, committed by Benedict Arnold



I wonder if the people paying \$300 for a colon cleanse even know about Taco Bell's \$4.99 deal.

My kids and grandkids keep laughing about me losing my memory.

They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!