

# ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

December 2019

NEWSLETTER



Ken Talbot, President

## **PRESIDENT'S PODIUM**

I thoroughly enjoyed hosting the November Club meeting. We had 83 people listen to an informative speaker describing the great conservation work being done by the Fish & Game Club. A new activity, Lawn Bowling, was introduced, possibly for next summer, and we all enjoyed the traditional comedic interlude before the Pub Club outing. It takes volunteers and organization to make that happen, so thanks to you all.

Sadly, Margaret and I will not be able to join you at our Club's Christmas celebration this year.

On a happier thought, we will be flying across the world to be with family in Malaysia, a country that has more National holidays (40+) than any other country. Muslims, Buddhists and Christians share each other's holidays, Christmas of course being one of them. It is widely celebrated with families and friends getting together just as we do in Canada. So we will be trimming the tree, putting up decorations, and cooking turkey, not forgetting the mince pies. The only difference with this holiday will be the temperature, which hovers around 30 degrees centigrade all year.

I know you will all have a wonderful time at the Probus Christmas party, and many thanks to those involved in the arrangements.

May you all enjoy this joyful season wherever you find yourselves, whether with family and friends or just enjoying your home. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Now for some **late breaking news**: The Comox Legion has informed us that they will be performing renovations commencing early next year. They have advised us to seek alternate temporary accommodation for our meetings during that period. Your Management Committee has set up a small group to obtain suitable accommodation, so keep watching this space and we will keep you informed as to where that shall be.

Cheers!  
Ken

**The ORCA PROBUS CLUB meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.**

**Location for the January 2020 meeting TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**Our Website: [www.orcaprobus.ca](http://www.orcaprobus.ca)**



## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

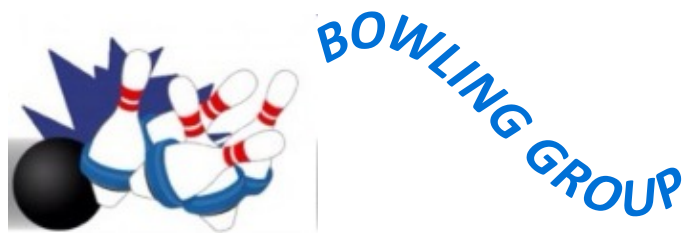
Carol Hockenull  
Suzanne Linnell  
Valerie Mowatt  
Val Dyke  
Lorraine Weir  
Jerith Jones

Gordon Hutton  
Michael Lynch  
Ellen Bechard  
Blair Deering  
Ian Pratt

## **November Speaker**

Wayne White gave a wonderful presentation on the efforts of many volunteers in the valley to conserve and protect fish and elk in the valley. Efforts include restocking many of the river systems with salmon. He also presented plans that include the new deep lake water supply system for the valley and the resultant new fish hatchery.





A great time was had by all at our Bowling get together in November. If you would love to join in the fun and camaraderie, let me know so that I can add you to our list.

Following is the information re: December's get together:

**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

**TIME:** 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Codes Country Lanes  
307 – 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtenay

**COST:** 2 games + shoe rental + taxes = \$11.45 per person.  
Please bring CASH – no debit or credit cards

**DURATION:** approx. 1.5 hrs.

Reminders – please arrive by 12:45 pm in order to check in and pick up your bowling shoes. Also, do not forget to stretch before you bowl.

Coffee at a local coffee shop afterwards if the group wishes to do this.

If you plan to attend, please let me know.

Best regards,  
Marie Knowles



## PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS



The first daylight singalong took place at the Ackerman home in November. The setting was bright and cheery with the afternoon sun streaming through the windows. A new and different experience – this singing in the afternoon! It's all good – and no more driving home in the dark and the rain!

The Undecideds brought together songs that acknowledged Remembrance Day and the anti-war movement in North America in the 50's & 60's. It was a memorable time. The pace picked up in the second half, with songs from Creedence Clearwater Revival's greatest hits. We love them and it shows in our music!

Our get-together is always a learning experience as our music historian Bruce brings touches of information that often astound us!

There was lots of laughter, fun, singing, and camaraderie throughout the afternoon! It was a great time to be together and letting the music take us to another time.

**FYI – OUR CHRISTMAS SINGALONG WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DEC. 12  
AT 2:00 p.m.**

**Guests are always welcome!**

Hope you can join us,  
The Undecideds, Rae, Rhonda & Bev

# Lunch Bunch

Hello! This (the Bisque) was the site on Wednesday, the 20th, where eight hungry members of the 'Lunch Bunch ' were inside, busily munching and slurping their victuals. Actually, that was me doing the slurping. Next month I'll be more behaved when we go to the Kingfisher.

Maxine



## A note from Maxine..... It had been snowing all night.

So, at ...

8:00 I made a snowman.

8:10 A feminist passed by and asked me why I didn't make a snow woman.

8:15 So, I made a snow woman too.

8:17 My feminist neighbour complained about the snow woman's voluptuous chest, saying it objectified snow women everywhere.

8:20 The gay couple living nearby threw a hissy fit, complaining it could have been two snowmen.

8:22 A transgender person asked why I didn't just make one snow person with detachable parts.

8:25 The vegans at the end of the lane complained about the carrot nose, saying veggies are food and not for decorating snow figures.

8:28 I am being called a racist because the snow couple is white.

8:31 The Muslim gent across the road demands the snow woman wear a burqa.

8:40 The Police arrive saying someone has been offended.

8:42 The feminist neighbour complained again that the snow woman's broomstick needs to be removed because it depicts women as domestics.

8:43 The Government Equality officer arrived and threatened me with eviction.

8:45 A TV news crew from the CBC shows up. I am asked if I know the difference between snowmen and snow-women? I reply, "Snowballs", and now I am called a sexist.

9:00 Now I'm on the News as a suspected terrorist, racist, homophobic-sensibility offender bent on stirring up trouble during difficult weather.

9:10 I am asked if I had any accomplices. My children are subsequently taken by Social Services.

9:29 Far-left protesters offended by everything are marching up and down the street, demanding that I be beheaded.

### **The Moral:**

There is no moral to this story. This is the world we live in today, and it's just going to get worse.



## BANDITS ON THE RUN

FIVE BANDITS APPROACH THE ROAD  
 UP TO NO GOOD ON A LATE NIGHT PROWL  
 A BROTHERHOOD OF THIEVES  
 HESITANT EYES PEER FORWARD  
 CAUTIOUS EYES GLANCE BACK.

THEY HAVE PICK POCKET HANDS  
 THEY CAN OPEN ANY SAFE  
 THEY ARE EXPERTS AT LATCHES  
 THOUGH DIAMONDS ARE THEIR FAVORITE  
 THEY LIKE ANYTHING THAT SHINES.

A CAR PASSES BY TEN POINTS OF LIGHT  
 AS THEY SCATTER INTO THE SHADOWS.  
 THEY ARE FIVE, BUT THEY ARE ONE  
 THEY STEAL THROUGH THE NIGHT  
 UNHEARD, UNSEEN AND READY TO STRIKE.

THEY ARE CONVICTS ALL WEARING MASKS  
 THEY WADDLE DOWN THE ROAD BUMPING  
 EACH OTHER LIKE A CROWD OF CLOWNS  
 WITH STRIPED CLOWN SUITS AND ROLLEY POLLEY ANTICS  
 BREATHING ONE BREATH IN THE FOGGY NIGHT.

THE FURRY GANG, A GAZE ON THE RUN  
 WILL GRAB ANY EGG, FABREGE OR NOT  
 THEY ARE CRAFTY DEVILS, NOT TOO PROUD TO BEG  
 FRIENDLY AS A FOX WITH TEETH JUST AS SHARP  
 WHAT WILL THEY FIND BEFORE THE NIGHT IS DONE?