

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2022

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



Greetings once again. Keith McGregor, who has been the PROBUS Director for Vancouver Island District #1 for the past six years, has now retired from the role. In his 'good-bye' letter he mentioned that all the clubs on Vancouver Island have started up again "in-person" and are beginning to enjoy the many activities and meetings that provide us with so much fun and people connections.

He also mentioned that at the end of 2021, District #1 had 3,309 members, which was a 7% decline of 240 members from the previous year. He also suggested that, looking ahead, stability is our initial goal, and that the big challenge will be to create growth for the future through our club's recruitment and retention strategies.

We had a chat about the Standard Constitution for all Canadian PROBUS Clubs regarding the third point under Membership which states 'Application for membership, subject to approval by the Management Committee, shall be sponsored by a current member.'" In the ideal world, every new member would have a current member as sponsor.

However, if we only relied on this scenario, our membership would be lower than it is. In August of 2021 we had 144 members, and nine months later we have 137 members. Some move away or don't reapply for health reasons. The maximum number for our Club is currently set at 145.

We've been fortunate that we have members new to the Comox Valley apply due to finding us on orcaprobus.ca. One applicant had been a PROBUS member in a different town. Two others are from another local PROBUS club. Others contact us and are invited to a meeting in order to get a sense of what our group is about. They receive a packet of information from our Membership director and are interviewed.

Keith McGregor reinforced the principle that each Club is autonomous, and that the Management Committee is free to use its judgement regarding accepting new members.

(That's why we get paid the big bucks.)

- Marguerite Ancell, President



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| Bert Cronk | Marilyn Morris |
| Glenn Grieve | Boyer Jayne |
| Joan Bertram | Mike Graham |
| Thomas Walker | Nicola O'Connor |
| Tim Ackerman | Judy Chrysler |
| Linda Pope | Josette Graham |

In June, Don and Joan Bertram and Joan and Dave Matheson are celebrating a whopping 20 years as founding members of Orca PROBUS. Bert and Carolyn Cronk are celebrating 10 years with Orca.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| Neil Brodie | Marie Knowles |
| Tim Rabbitt | Wendy Tippett |
| Terry Broomfield | Carol Kujala |
| Lorne Irwin | Georgia McLellan |
| Bronwen Beedle | Cheryl Rabbitt |
| John Dickinson | Ross Cowan |
| Miles Jones | John McLellan |
| Brenda Oakes | |

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Ginny Lowrie
Lynnette Lynch
Laura Wendland
Rick Baldwin
Mary Jane Rees
Brenda Sarvis
Karen Chrysler
Luana Buchanan
Karen Ross
Alice Strilchuk

SPEAKER FOR JUNE MEETING

At the June 14th meeting we will have a special presentation. For details... show up!!



There was a large number of participants at the first Probus Singers and Friends event since COVID 2 years ago. The songs chosen all related to summer and even though the sun wasn't shining outside, the smile on the faces and the energetic singing filled the room with warmth and brightness. Those who attended commented on how good they felt joining their voices in song and to be together once again. The next singing session will be on Tuesday, June 21st at 2:30. Please email Rod and Debbie Olson.



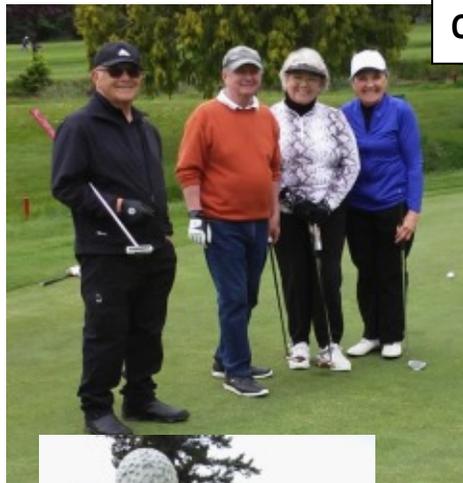
Here's a bit of Music Trivia... Archaeologists have found evidence in caves that 50,000 years ago, humans gathered in caves and held ceremonies where they would make rhythmic sounds utilizing hollow logs and rocks of various sizes.

The original Rock Bands!

Join The ORCA Probus Executive Team

The nominating committee continues to seek Members to be an integral part of the Club's Management Committee. Committee positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership/Sunshine, Communications, Social/Activities, and Facilities.

This team meets monthly to do the strategic planning and decision-making required to keep our Club running smoothly in accordance with the mission, vision and values of ORCA Probus. The duties involved are minor, and members should view this as an opportunity to join a social team, meet members and grow friendships. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Committee and/or would like to inquire as to position availability, either next year or at sometime in the future, please contact Marguerite Ancell



ORCA PROBUS GOLF



Twenty golfers, nine guests, and several deer families enjoyed a cloudy, sunny, sprinkling day, at Comox Golf Club. Sunnydale will be hosting Orca Probus Golf on June 16th.

Dave and Isabelle Pacholuk

PRISMA

(Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy)

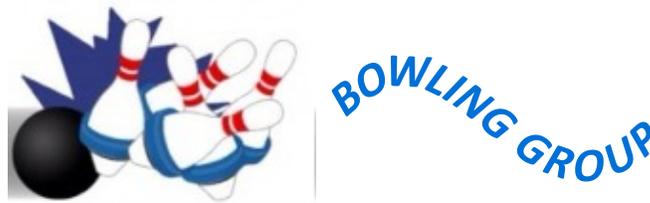
“Sailing to the Symphony” – Saturday, June 25, 2022

Great news!! After a two year break due to COVID, we have once again surpassed our “Symphony Cruise” ticket sales and will be taking a group of 54 over to Powell River on Saturday, June 25th to participate in this amazing event.

PRISMA has offered to print off all of the tickets for our Club, and I should be in receipt of the package in the next few days. I will let everyone know when the tickets can be picked up, or they will be available at our June 14th meeting.

In your ticket envelope there will an information sheet outlining the details for the day. However, if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lawrence or myself.

Lawrence and I have built up a strong working relationship with the PRISMA organizers and we hope to continue along this path. Therefore, “thank you” for continuing to support the talents that “wow” us every summer. Hats off to Arthur Arnold for his passion for the Arts and beautiful music.



Bowling has now come to an end, but will resume in September.

Our final get together on Wednesday, May 11th came to an abrupt halt when the Owner of the bowling alley advised she was ill and was unable to keep the facility open that day.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following players very much for their continuous support each month: Jill Ackerman, Georgia McLellan, Louise Casson, Barb Wilson, Mike Wilson, Pat Ellis, Bruce Ellis and Gordie March.

We do have lots of fun with this activity and I hope that more people will come on board in September.

Have a great summer.

Regards
Marie Knowles



WALKING GROUP

The weekly walks continued through May. On one we went down to the beach through MacDonald Wood park. It was a beautiful day with lots of photo opportunities, including a Pileated Woodpecker. If you want to add your name to the notice list, please e-mail Melanie.



HIKING GROUP

Always enjoyable is a jaunt through Seal Bay Park, made especially easy now with the new signage. This time, after leaving the Seabank Road parking lot via the Huckleberry trail, we hiked the Forest Loop. (It was previously known as the Horse and Bike loop.) We ended up putting in 10 km after taking the Don Apps trail down to the Beach for lunch. Don't those sandwiches look delicious? - Tim





ORCA PROBUS 20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE

Tuesday, July 05, 2022

Ticket Sales: June Meeting

(Guest Tickets available at break)

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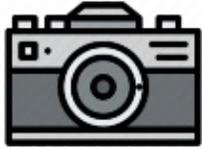
purchase direct from the Wilsons 778-585-1405

Ticket Sales Deadline

June 21st

Tickets: Members: \$50.00 Guests: \$60.00

Don't Forget to Bring Your Checkbooks



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The subject of the May group meeting was taking interesting pictures of people. We all take thousands of pictures of friends and family, but how many become special? The lesson by Joel Sartore emphasized candid, unposed situations, while keeping in mind the background. Here are three of the pictures members shared.



PUB CLUB NEWS

Last month we went to the Church Street Taphouse, and everything went well. This is the first time that exactly the same number of members showed up as had committed to attend. This was a very significant accomplishment that makes life easier for the host venue. And for me. I will be handing out the prizes for the most consistently prompt responses to my notices at the June meeting.



This month we will be going to the Roy's Town Pub in Royston. Hopefully the weather will permit us to sit out on the patio. It is always good fun to go to this venue.

Remember, do not RSVP to me until you receive the notice, which will be sent a week ahead of the event.

- Howard

FOR SALE

There is a great series of historical fiction books by Bernard Cornwell entitled Sharpe. So famous that the BBC made a TV series based on the books.

I am offering the COMPLETE series of 22 books (paperback), in great shape, read once. I was going to sell the series on EBay, but thought maybe one of our members might be interested. \$40 or best offer.

If interested, please contact Bruce Elli

