



# Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

December

2023

## Presidents Podium



Bruce Ellis

Ah, December, the joyous month!

The month for celebration and maybe eating too much and maybe drinking a tad more than usual.

This month the Probus singers will be singing Christmas Carols and of course we have our Orca Probus Christmas Party.

The month where our kids come to visit and help decorate the house and incidentally clear out my wine cellar.

When I was a kid it was my favourite month of the year, with sledding, visits from relatives, holidays and, of course, presents. But it is also the month where I have to get the snow tires on and service the snow blower.

I would like to extend best wishes from Pat and myself to all our PROBUS friends for a wonderful Christmas.

Bruce

## Club Executive

President.....	Bruce Ellis	Communication.....	Mike Wilson
Vice-President.....	Debbie Olson	Social.....	Barb Wilson
Secretary.....	Gwendolyne Kruger	Facilities.....	Rod Olson
Treasurer.....	Mike Naish	Past President.....	Marguerite Ancell
Membership.....	Pat Ellis	Sunshine.....	Deanna Provencher

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## Dates to Remember

Walking: Every Monday  
 Bowling: 2nd Wednesday of the month  
 Singing: 3rd Tuesday of the month  
 Dining Out: 4th Tuesday of the month  
 Quilting: 3rd Tuesday of the month  
 BookWorms: Last Friday of the month

**Christmas Dinner/Dance: Dec 5, 2023**

next ORCA PROBUS CLUB meeting:  
 Tues. Jan 09, 2024



## Club Announcements

If you are celebrating a marriage anniversary of 50 or 60 yrs., please agree to have your milestones announced in the Probus newsletter. Send in a picture of your marriage and a current picture.

Bert and Carolyn Cronk 60 years on November 16th 1963.



### Bring the Puzzles Back!

Some of the members mentioned how they wished there were jigsaw puzzles on the book exchange table, especially now that the weather is getting cooler and wetter. Bring your unwanted puzzles to our next meeting, then ... pick up a puzzle that appeals to you, put it together over the month, then bring it back to the next meeting, and take a new one?



# WHAT'S UP!

Mike Naish and Marguerite Ancell wandering around Britain at the end of October and beginning of November!





# Club News

## Your 2023-24 Orca Probus Executive



Members receiving  
their Orca Probus  
pins.

Linda Jay  
Alex and Mona Wile  
Nancy Carten

Along with photo  
bombing Orca  
President Ellis

# Club News

For PROBUS members with an interest in the Pacific Region International Summer Music Association (PRISMA), attached is information about a new relationship between PRISMA and the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

What a great way to enhance PRISMA events as well as further the development of the musicians!

**Powell River, CANADA (November 22, 2023)** – The Pacific Region International Summer Music Association (PRISMA) is excited to announce the expansion of its orchestra academy program through a multi-faceted collaboration with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO) and the VSO School of Music (VSO SoM).

Every June, the PRISMA Academy draws up to 80 post-secondary music students from more than a dozen countries. They convene as strangers but are quickly bonded through the universal language of music as they rehearse and perform symphonic and chamber music repertoire and gain valuable experience through lessons, masterclasses and audition training.

Under this year's expanded model, PRISMA students will now spend three days in Vancouver (June 13-15, 2024) for an immersion in expertise alongside artists from the VSO and VSO SoM before making their way to rural Powell River (June 16-29, 2024). Highlights will include rehearsals in the Orpheum theatre and sectional rehearsals at the VSO SoM's state-of-the-art facilities downtown.

The initiative builds a bridge between the academic and professional music realms, offering a unique platform for diverse young musicians to hone their craft alongside seasoned professionals.



"Wine production is way up since we piped in hip hop music."



"I don't think you're cut out to be a violin player."



## Club Activity News

This month's book club discussion was great and filled with lots of laughter. Lynnette lead the discussion and was tolerate of all the tangents the discussion went to. Marilyn hosted

and served us a delicious coffee cake. January will be *The Guncle* by Steven Rowley.



# Club Activity News



What a great time we had at Bowling on November 8, 2023. 14 players were in attendance.

The major news was that 9 players had scores over 200 and 5 were on the cusp of scoring 200. Fantastic show!

The star of the afternoon and "Most Improved Player" was Joan Mumby with a score of 214. Well done Joan.

After the event a group of 10 met up for coffee and treats at Rhodos Coffee and Bistro. What a wonderful way to have some fun and get to know some of our Probus members.

If you would like to join us for Bowling please contact me.

Marie Knowles





# Club Activity News



The Sutcliffes take their audience on a musical journey that begins with the Beatles during the early days and ends with the legendary quartet's last live performance.



Beatles got their start," he said. "Our band is named after Stuart Sutcliffe, the original bass player with the Beatles who died from a brain aneurysm (in 1962)."

The band begins their show with *Get Back*, a tribute to the music that influenced the Fab Four in their early days, such as the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley. The Sutcliffes conclude their shows with *Rooftop*, which features selections from *Let it Be* and their last live performance atop Apple Corps headquarters on Jan. 30, 1969.

## Dining and Theatre



The Sutcliffes have been around since 2007, starting out as the house band at a couple of popular Victoria venues where they earned a strong reputation for their authentic Beatles sound. That led to the band performing on four different occasions at the International Beatles Festival in Liverpool, said guitarist and vocalist Shaun Wilson. "We played at the world-famous Cavern Club, where the



## Club Activity News



### Dining In



The Wilsons and Mathesons having an enjoyable evening on Nov 25th and a delectable dinner at the Morris household

Our dine in group (Strilchucks, Lynchs, Olsons) got together once again on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Lynnette and Michael Lynch. We enjoyed a delicious appetizer of bruschetta, followed by a scrumptious lasagna and home-made bread that we couldn't get enough of and ended the meal with a tiramisu. The conversation was interesting and thought provoking with eclectic array of topics. We will meet again in December for our last meal



### Dining Out

The Dining Out group enjoying a fine meal at Locals

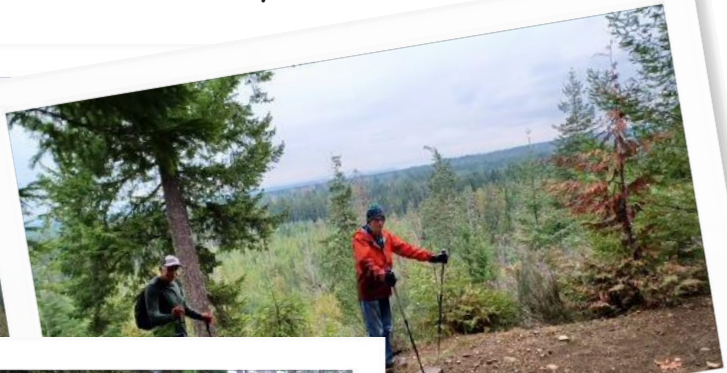




# Club Activity News

## Hiking Group

Taking advantage of a spell of fine weather, the hiking group visited one of our newest clearcuts along with one of the local canyons on 28 November.



Local Canyon



Boston Main Clearcut



**WARNING**

Due to the frequency of human-bear encounters, the B.C. Fish and Wildlife Branch is advising hikers hunters, fishermen and any persons that use the out of doors in a recreational or work related function to take extra precautions while in the field.

We advise the outdoorsman to wear little noisy bells on clothing so as to give advance warning to any bears that might be close by so you don't take them by surprise.

We also advise anyone using the out-of-doors to carry "Pepper Spray" with him in case of an encounter with a bear.

Outdoorsmen should also be on the watch for fresh bear activity, and be able to tell the difference between black bear feces and grizzly bear feces. Black bear feces is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear shit has bells in it and smells like pepper.

**WILDERNESS CAMPGROUND**





# Club Activity News



The group all met up at the Griffin Pub for a pint and a delicious bite.

## Pub Club



"I find, these days, that most of my conversations start out with: Did I tell you this already? or What was I going to say?"





## Club Activity News



On November 21, fourteen singing enthusiasts braved the rainy weather and came to Probus Singers. Once again it was a fun time and the new people who came said they will be back. One Probus member told us that he was singing for days following the afternoon session. This is a laid-back opportunity to join in song with one another and to share our love of music. And maybe in participating, you may even receive a little therapy that you didn't know you needed. The next session will be on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> where we will be only singing Christmas themed music. Please join us! Contact Debbie Olson [to get your name put on the mailing list.](#)



# Club Activity News



## Walking

The walking group scored 4 out of 4 for great walking weather this month. The walk from Quality Foods around the Idiens Drive area was slightly wet but walking on the paved paths kept our feet dry. We had great weather for the Tsolum Spirit Park walk and a new walk in the forest along the Veterans Memorial Parkway, both in the sunshine. Our last walk is one of our favourites for cooler weather, the Airpark walk. We had very enthusiastic walkers and talkers each week, always ready for a good time. Thanks for coming out!



A clever way of taking a photo with everyone in it!





# Things to Ponder!



Long ago in a land far far  
away!



## ABOUT GROWING OLDER ...

First ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Second ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Third ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

Fourth ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of algebra ...

Fifth ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Sixth ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

Seventh ~ One of the many things no one tells you about ageing is that it's such a nice change from being young.

Eight ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

Ninth ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

Tenth ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.