



# Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

May

2023

## Presidents Podium



Neil Brodie

There is not much doubt who knows more or is faster at calculations comparing man to computers. They win hands down and may even widen the gap. The latest concern in this field is Artificial Intelligence (AI). You may have seen a recent segment on 60 Minutes on AI, it was both fascinating and scary. The applications it will have and the effects on all aspects of our lives are mind boggling. While we welcome the many advances in medicine, robotics etc etc. There is a down side that is concerning. Computers teaching themselves and other computers makes you wonder who will be in control. It seems we need to develop a code of ethics and protocols how this will effect us all. Most of the research is being sponsored by commercial companies like Google which makes me want to put the brakes on.

On a less serious note members will note while spring is a little tardy, it is coming. Already club activities are ramping up. We have a full slate for golf, another Scavenger hunt planned and walkers and hikers doing their thing. Even singing is on as well as other indoor activities like sampling sushi and bowling, so take your pick and join us.

Cheers.

Neil



## Dates to Remember

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

SCAVENGER HUNT: - May 24, 2023  
PRISMA: ----- June 24th, 2023  
JULY BBQ: ----- July 11, 2023

next ORCA PROBUS CLUB meeting:  
Tues. May 09, 2023

## Club Executive

President .....	Neil Brodie	Communication .....	Mike Wilson
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## Club News

### May's Speaker

CARP (Canadian Association of Retired Persons) is Canada's largest non-profit, non-partisan association advocating for the rights and interests of Canadians as we age. Gus Mumby, who joined Orca Probus recently, is both a member of CARP and the executive committee of its Vancouver Island Chapter. Gus will provide us with a history of CARP, the advocacy wins for seniors, the current focus of CARP, the activities of the Vancouver Island Chapter, and how to become a member and the benefits of being one.

### Anniversaries

John & Donna Powell celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as members of Orca Probus on May 13<sup>th</sup>. They joined on May 13, 2003.

Who else are members of the 20-year club?

Marilyn & Gene Morris (Feb. 11, 2003) and Al & Wendy Tippet (also Feb. 11, 2003).

Pat Vershoor celebrates her 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Orca Probus on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Pat joined on May 14, 2013



### May Birthdays

Nancy Carter

Dat Ellis

Marguerite Ancell

Carolyn Cronk

Melanie Olson

Berta Knight

Pauline Pawson

Judith McIntosh

Elaine Walker

Alistair Taylor

Evelyn Keith

George McNeill

Rod Keith

Gene Morris

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!

# Club News

## Club Announcements

### NEW SECTION OF NEWSLETTER BEING CONSIDERED CALLED "What's Up"

What have you be up to since we last saw you. Share pictures and description of your travels, fun times shared with friends around town, or how about that wonderful garden design that you want to create. Another example might be a picture of your cat scoping out a hummingbird, etc. Whatever you want to share with the members of Orca Probus.



### SAVE THE DATE!

**Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**Social Barbecue at Kin Beach**  
**(Covered picnic area)**

**RAIN or SHINE:** Bring your chairs, beverages, BBQ meat, and plates/cutlery.

**POT LUCK:** Please bring an Appy, Salad or Dessert to share.

Club will provide, napkins, garbage bags, condiments and BBQ's.

There will be some lawn games available as well!

A kid walks up to his mom and asks, "Mom, can I go bungee jumping?" The mom says "No, you were born from broken rubber and I don't want you to go out the same way!"



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## Club Announcements

### \*\*\*Scavenger Hunt details\*\*\*

Those who have signed up for the scavenger hunt please see Barb Wilson at the May general meeting for an instructional handout.

### Couples receiving badges



Roderick & Tanya Montague



Margaret & Norman Trace

### Missing prescription glasses from April 11 meeting!

Someone paying for PRISMA tickets at the April 11 Orca Probus meeting has picked up Lawrence Petkus's prescription glasses by mistake. Please take some time to do a count of your glasses at home.

# Club News

## WHAT'S UP!

I thought I'd share my past 2 weeks at my family's ranch in Fort Steele (Cranbrook) at their 800 acre Spring Creek Ranch.



I was asked to 'ranch sit' while the young family went on Spring Break with the younger set. It is a working ranch as they grow and sell organic hay and organic beef. Their sales are all sold the season in advance; so if anyone wants hay or beef, they must get in line. Same goes for the hunting season on elk or deer. Hunting season is a bit of a fuss and I'm not sure if they will continue on that line.



The family owns 5 horses and currently boarding 5 others for friends. The ranch boasts: 3 farm houses filled with families of the two daughters; my sister and hubby now live in a double modular home as they have semi retired from the ranching business. Henry my brother-in-law is a master builder and built their log house plus several others in the Cranbrook area plus was site Forman on hospitals, libraries etc



I fully enjoyed my time there to help out with projects my sister can no longer cope with; but wrestling the 75 pound hay bales will be my last year... I can do the rest but lifting those heavy bales was getting to be a struggle. I'm still very grateful for the trust people have in me to look after their stock. They have been working that land since 1963.



# Club News

## WHAT'S UP!

Orca Probus member Marilyn Morris's beautification of Glacier View Lodge, assisted living facility in Courtenay, in progress.

Monday morning, nine bodies showed up to get their hands dirty by playing in the dirt. What could have been a day long labor of love, was completed in a few of hours.

Marilyn Morris would like to thank the Orca garden group for their help and multiple plant donations to the rejuvenation of one of the gardens at Glacier View Lodge





# Club News

## April's Meeting Clips





# Club Activity News



## Bowling

Our May get together will be our last until September/October 2023.

I would like to thank everyone who has come out faithfully every month to keep this activity going and making it a success. It is so therapeutic and good for the soul.



Our Champion in April was Ron Ritchie with a grand score of 366. Well done Ron. Others were: Mike Wilson (282); Louise Casson (226); and Gordie March (222).



Well done everyone!

**We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month.**

There is always room for more players so if you are interested let me know and we can accommodate you.

**Details for May's game are as follows:**

DATE: **WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023**  
TIME: 1:00 PM (please arrive by 12:45 pm)  
PLACE: **CODES COUNTRY LANES**  
(307 - 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Courtenay)  
COST: \$13.85 per/person - **CASH ONLY PLEASE**

(Price includes two games; shoe rental and taxes)

**Coffee time afterwards has become a big hit at Rhodos.**

Marie Knowles



# Club Activity News

## Dining Out



The April dining event saw eight members of the group partake of an excellent lunch at Sushi Jo's in Courtenay. The menu featured a wide selection of both Japanese and Korean dishes from which to choose.



An active discussion was enjoyed over "Son of Elsewhere". Great input and comments were contributed by everyone. Lynnette Lynch led the discussion on a difficult book. Mary Jane Rees hosted, being a waitress and providing a lovely poppy seed cake.





# Club Activity News



The Orca Walking Group braved the April winds and rain and had walks this month at Seal Bay, Courtenay Airpark, Tsolum River and Point Holmes.



Thanks to Al Tippet for taking the Point Holmes photos. We saw many spring flowers on these walks including flowering red currant, kinnikinnick, fawn lilies, trillium, bleeding hearts, salmon berry and a number of unidentified flowers! We enjoyed coffee and visiting after at the Bayside Cafe, Mudsharks and Quality Foods.





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## Dining and Theatre

The group attended a wonderful performance by the skilled musicians, Cox & McRae, at the Old Church venue in Courtenay. Earlier, a meal was enjoyed at "The Atlas".



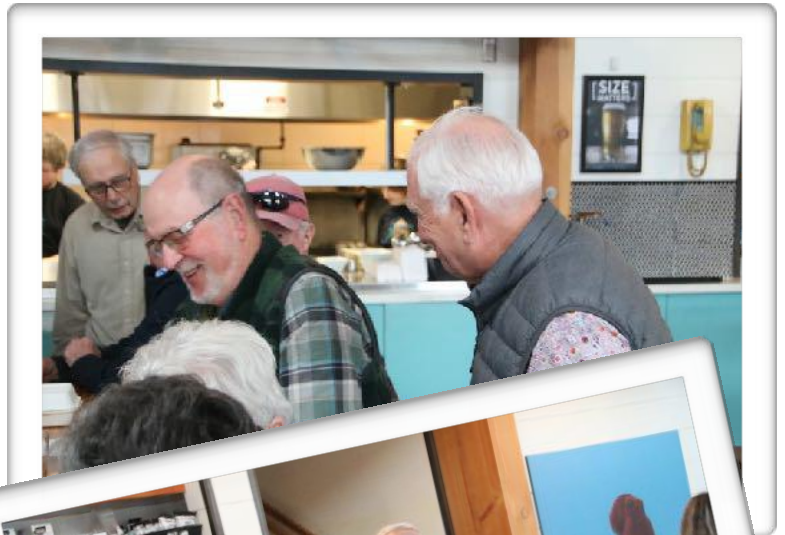


# Club Activity News

## Pub Club News



Members  
enjoying the  
Church  
Street  
Taphouse  
after April's  
monthly  
meeting!

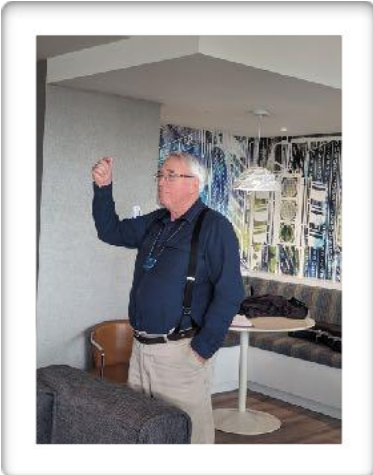


## Club Activity News

### PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS

On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, sixteen people attended the Probus Singers and Friends session after a two-month hiatus as Rod and Debbie Olson were away on vacation. Ken and Noreen Rowley joined Rod to accompany the singers and they added energy and musicality to the songs. Several members commented how the songs took them back in time to their younger days and they marvel at how easily the words and melodies come back to them. As always, Bruce Ellis entertained the group with some background information for each song as well as the composers. The next session will be on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and the set list has been determined

by the participants as they requested their favourite songs. We hope to see many more of you in May.



If you would like more information, please contact Debbie and Rod Olson





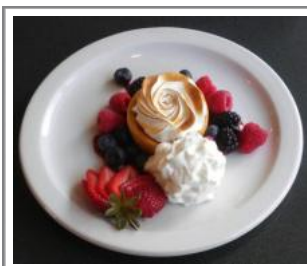
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**PROBUS GOLF - COMOX GOLF CLUB**  
**39 golfers, 45 "apres golf" & SUNSHINE!**



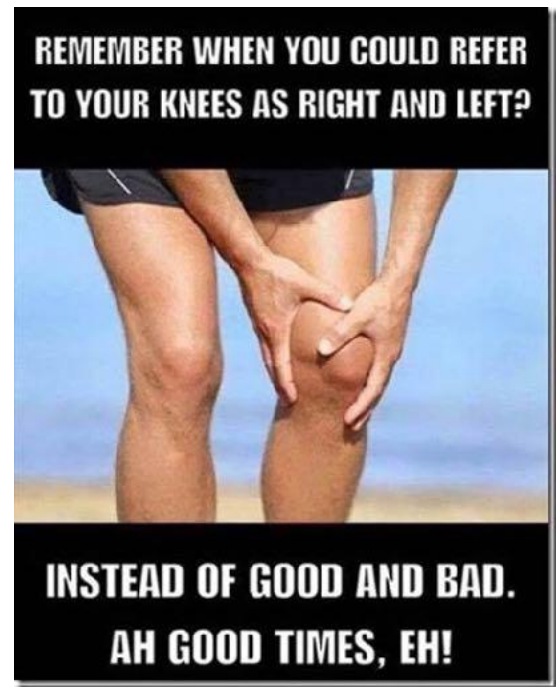
"Gloffing!" (glamour golfing)  
note the Baileys!



**A GREAT DAY**  
**(Dave & Isabelle)**

## Things to Ponder!

I was taught that evolution was a process by which life improved on itself. I now believe that's wrong. I now believe that evolution is a mindless dynamic that is entirely unconcerned with making things better. If it had a goal, that goal would be change. Endless, purposeless change. I think this helps explain the recent surge in stupid people.



One night on Cheers, a TV Sitcom, Cliff Clavin said to his buddy, Norm Peterson: "Well, ya see, Normy, it's like this .. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But, naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers!"