

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

April 2022

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



The outside temperature is finally warming up and we celebrated by attending Jim Cooper's hike. This was the 13 km hike of the Canyon View Trail and Elk Falls Trail which is near Campbell River. I wasn't sure if I could walk 13 km due to having virtually no sleep two days before, since I had to catch the 6:00 am flight from Saskatoon and was out of bed at 2:20 am to make it happen.

Even though weary from the trip, I decided I needed the challenge. Eight of us hiked and ate lunch on the rocks near the Falls, where we had a good view of people marching across the swinging bridge, and were also lulled by the rushing water. Jim advised that there would be only 'one hill of any size'. It seemed to me that there were several steep hills, but maybe Jim doesn't see those as hills. I noticed every time I expressed enjoyment of the hike he'd counter with, 'Yes, it's a nice walk.' Then I remembered that Jim's hikes are the tough ones and Tim Ackerman's are the gentle ones, although the last one of Tim's that I attended wasn't exactly a walk in the park, due to us having to leap over streams.

We're very fortunate to have activity leaders such as Jim and Tim who set up opportunities for outdoor activity for our Orca PROBUS Club members. Before I take a much-needed nap, I invite you to take part in our activities, as well as attend our May 10th General Meeting at the Legion!

- Marguerite Ancell, President

Orca Probus meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at the Comox Legion, 1825 Comox Avenue, starting at 2:00 pm.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mary-Kate Cowan
Pat Ellis
Marguerite Ancell
Melanie Olson
Carolyn Cronk
Berta Knight

Elaine Walker
Alistair Taylor
Evelyn Keith
George McNeill
Gene Morris
Rod Keith

HIKING GROUP

In April Jim Cooper led a group on the Canyon View trail, west of Campbell River, up to Elk Falls. Weather was great, cool but comfortable. Lunched on the rocks above the falls. Other hikes got rained out. It was that kind of month.



SPEAKER FOR MAY MEETING

At the May general meeting, our member Mike Naish will present a real-life story of how his uncle and a buddy from Manitoba escaped from the infamous Colditz Castle in World War II, a feat for which most who tried did not succeed. Mike's presentation will include maps and photos.



At this meeting we will follow the BC Government guidelines. Masks are recommended but optional.

GOLF GROUP

With a lot more than just a shower, our April golf was cancelled. However as they say, when life hands you a lemon, make lemonade. And that we did. Not wanting to leave our chef with 32 no-shows for our après golf reservation, we did what Probus is noted for doing... enjoyed the camaraderie of Probus members with food and drink. Thank you to the 21 members who were able to join us at the Comox Golf Club Restaurant. Great service and choice of dishes, and the presentation was worth capturing a few photos. Plus we had a grateful smiling chef when we left.



Our May golf will be at Sunnydale, Thursday, May 20th. A detailed email is being sent to all the Probus Golfers.

- Dave & Isabelle

PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS



Great news! New members Rod and Debbie Olson have offered to restart the Probus Singers and Friends activity!

Rod was an elementary, middle and high school music teacher for 35 years before retiring in 2020. Both Rod and Debbie have participated in community and church choirs, and look forward to making music with the Probus Singers and Friends.

When - Third Tuesday of the month in May and June, with a break in July and August.

Time - 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Please allow enough time to find parking, as we will start at 2:30.

Where - Community room of the Montage apartments, 1025 Ryan Road. The room is located at the end of the hall on the 5th floor. There are elevators at the entrance. Howard will be at the door for the first session. If you ring 204, they can also buzz you in.

Parking - There are 3 visitor spots at the front of the building (behind Coastal Community Credit Union), and 11 visitor parking spots at the back. We encourage carpooling as much as possible. Entrance to the building is on the North side.

Masks will be optional. There is plenty of space, seating and the option to provide sufficient ventilation. See photo below.

Please email Rod and Debbie with any questions you may have. We look forward to making music with you.





ORCA PROBUS 20th ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE

Tuesday, July 05, 2022

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

Ticket Sales:

Members - May/June Meetings

Guests - June Meeting during break

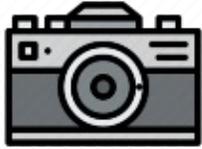
Tickets can be purchased directly

Mike and Barb Wilson at 778-585-1405

RCAF 888 Wing

Doors open 4:00 Dinner 5:30

Entertainment & Dance w/ Easy Street



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

At this month's meeting, the subject was wildlife photography. After watching the lesson by Joel Sartore, we shared photos that we had taken of wildlife. Below are three of the best.

If you are interested in joining this club, contact Bruce Ellis



He was stuck with his debt, he could not budge it.

Police were summoned to a local day-care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.



WALKING GROUP

The Monday weekly walks have continued despite some rain. Melanie plans to alternate between the easy Air Park loop one week, with a different location the following week. If you want to add your name to the notice list, please e-mail Melanie

Gordon Hutton

Some of you may be unaware that one of our members, Gordon Hutton, has for the last 15 years been the Financial Manager for Probus Canada, the national organization to which our club belongs.

Recently, Gordon retired from that position, and Probus Canada presented him with a plaque to thank him for his service. Congratulations, Gordon!



PUB CLUB NEWS

After the April Probus Orca meeting we went to the Avenue Bistro. They were well prepared for our visit and we were well looked after. The Avenue management have always been very accommodating and friendly. They are definitely on our list for repeat visits in the cold weather months.



In May I hope to return to the Church Street Taphouse. It is handy to the Legion and has a good variety of drinks and food. I had been hoping for warmer weather so we could go to venues that have outdoor seating. Up until now I have chosen venues with indoor seating. Hopefully June will be more amenable to outdoor venues.

Watch for my notice for our May venue next week. Do not reply before you get the May invitation. I was very pleased that I had been given adequate notice from those who were unable to attend. The venues always appreciate receiving accurate information regarding the number of expected guests, as they have to arrange adequate seating and staffing for the event.

Howard



CROQUET

Gordie March, is interested in establishing a Croquet group within the club this summer. If you are interested in joining or just want more information please contact Gordie



So sad, but we have come to the end of our bowling season.

There have been 9 diehards attending each month and I would like to thank them so very much for keeping this fun activity going over the past few months.

April's event was full of exciting scores from our "elite" bowlers (Jill Ackerman – 456; Georgia McLellan – 440; Mike Wilson – 430). However there was some fine bowling being offered by the rest of the players.

The laughter and encouragement throughout these games has been electric.

We aim to start up again in September. Hope more of our Orca friends will sign up and try this out.

Here are the details for May's event:

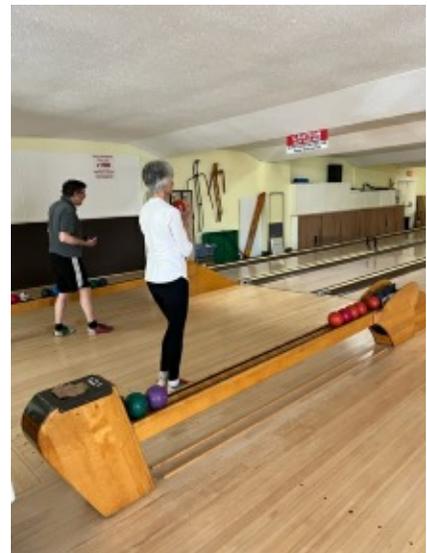
DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022

TIME: 1:00 PM (please arrive by 12:45 pm)

PLACE: CODES COUNTRY LANES
(307 – 6th Street, Courtenay)

COST: \$13.85 per person – **CASH ONLY**

NOTE: MASKS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED THIS TIME
Sanitizer is available on site



- Marie Knowles