

# ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

April 2022

## ***PRESIDENT'S PODIUM***



We are now beginning the spring season and I feel uplifted by seeing daffodils, forsythia and primula along with the flowering of early rhododendrons and Japanese cherry trees. Magnolia blooms are starting to show and lawns are now looking less scruffy which makes our daily walk much more interesting.

Our members are also emerging from winter and participating in fun Club activities such as Jim Cooper's hikes, Tim Ackerman's hikes, the Dining In groups, golf, walking, book club, bowling, gardening, knitting, quilting, crocheting and the always popular Pub Club. I've even heard that croquet might be starting. If you wish to participate in any of these activities, the Leaders' contact information can be found on the front page of the new Directory. Paper copies of the Directory are available at our Club meetings, the next one being April 12th at 2:00 pm at the Comox Legion Hall.

In March, we had 53 members attend our meeting, all of whom were vaccinated against COVID-19 in accordance with the Legion Hall's requirements. Each well-spaced table accommodated 6 to 8 members, and we were allowed to remove our masks while seated. We look forward to socializing with more of you as hopefully COVID dwindles. We also think you would very much enjoy our entertaining and informative speakers. We look forward to seeing you on April 12!

- 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**

# **In Memorium**



## **Marilynn Manley**

With regret, we report the passing of former member Marilynn Manley. She and her husband Don joined Orca Probus in 2005, and were active in many of the Club's social activities. With declining health, the Manleys resigned from the club in 2020.

## ACTIVITY GROUP CONTACTS

|             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Book Worms  | Marilyn Morris         |
| Bowling     | Marie Knowles          |
| Croquet     | Gordie March           |
| Cycling     | Barb Wilson            |
| Dining In   | Lynnette Lynch         |
| Gardening   | Lynnette Lynch         |
| Golf        | Dave/Isabelle Pacholuk |
| Hiking      | Tim Ackerman           |
| Kayaking    | Mike Wilson            |
| Knitting    | Lynette Lynch          |
| Lunch Bunch | Margo/Paul Ellegood    |
| Photography | Bruce Ellis            |
| Pub Club    | Howard Siebert         |
| Quilting    | Beth Ritchie           |
| Walking     | Melanie Olson          |



## **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

We held an initial meeting of the Photography Club to discuss how this group will proceed. Unlike the previous Camera Club, there will be less emphasis on the technology of cameras, and more emphasis on taking photographs. Each month we will watch a ½ hour lecture by Joel Sartore, long-time photographer for The National Geographic, on aspects of taking great pictures, and will then share photos taken by members of the group.

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun. 25 PRISMA

Jul. 5 Anniversary BBQ

Aug. 9 Summer Picnic

## **GOLF GROUP**

Spring is here and we are ready to start our Orca Probus Golf Season. Our first golf event will be **THURSDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> at Comox Golf Club** for nine holes, followed by "Apres Golf" at the Clubhouse Restaurant. An email is being sent to all Probus Members who have signed up for the 2022 season with all the details, including the RSVP deadline. Looking forward to sharing some great "shots" with all of you in the next newsletter.

Dave & Isabelle Pacholuk

## **Spring is Finally Here**







## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Joan Matheson  
George Fettes  
John Powell  
Barbara Wilson  
Ken Talbot  
Beth Ritchie

Stanley Strilchuk  
Lynne Pringle  
Dave Matheson  
Alan Tippett  
Derek Mowatt  
Don Bertram

Bruce and Pat Ellis will be celebrating their 10 anniversary with Orca Probus this month



9 members joined us for 5 pin bowling in March.

Jill Ackerman had the high score of 197.

So, if you think you would like to join us, the next event is scheduled for:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

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**

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

- Marie Knowles

## March 8 Meeting

We had 53 attendees for the live March 8th meeting at the Legion.

The speaker was Dr. Kent Brothers, a noted mycologist. He gave a very interesting talk about fungi. I know many of you might wonder how you could have an interesting talk about fungi, but it was. Dr Brothers is an accomplished speaker and everyone was impressed. He gave the background on the types of fungi and moved on specifically to mushrooms, talking extensively about edible and non-edible mushrooms found here on Vancouver Island.

A summary of key points may be found at:

<http://brothers.ca/Kent/FungiKeyPoints.htm>

Dr. Brothers does do a lecture walk through the forest in Cumberland in the fall. Something to consider.

Anyway, for those who wanted more information, he recommended the book Mushrooms of British Columbia or the website [MushroomExpert.com](http://MushroomExpert.com)



After the meeting, Howard hosted many of us at Kelly & Carlos O'Bryan's Irish pub.

## NEXT MEETING APRIL 12

At the April meeting, the speakers will be Jim Smiley and Denise Savoie. They are members of the Friends of Rails to Trails. Their vision would create non-motorized multi-use, community trails on the abandoned rail line on Vancouver Island for all users, whether bikers, walkers, hikers, horseback riders or commuters. The project would maintain the railroad history by converting the historic railway stations to tourist information centres or kiosks which would direct people to local attractions and accommodation.



## **FINAL CALL FOR TICKETS**

### **PRISMA**

**Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy**

**Powell River**

**“Sailing to the Symphony”**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022**

Dear Fellow Members – you have done a great job snapping up the special seats that your PRISMA Committee has obtained for our club. We still have some tickets left as follows:

- Discounted Rate: \$85.50/person (consisting of a round trip ferry; lunch; concert ticket; and bus ride from the ferry to the theatre return)
- A second package: \$58.50/person (includes ferry; bus ride and concert - bring your own picnic lunch)

**PLEASE NOTE: Payment is due at the APRIL 12th general meeting. Once tickets are purchased, there will be no refunds!**

**Cheques made payable to: “Orca PROBUS”**

The PRISMA event is always a great day with fine music, good friends, a hearty meal and a lovely cruise.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Marie Knowles and Lawrence Petkus,  
Co-chairs, PRISMA 2022



## ***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 on the following week. Last month we did a walk past the Royston Wrecks. If you want to add your name to the notice list, please e-mail Melanie



## ***CROQUET***

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



## ***PUB CLUB NEWS***

We went to Kelly O'Bryan's Pub after the March Probus meeting. Twenty-two Probus members attended. I appreciate that several couples notified me in good time that they would not be coming. Please be reminded that it is important that I have accurate information for the host, so that they can be adequately prepared for our visit. The service and food were very good and we went home satisfied.



After the April meeting we will be going to the Avenue Bistro, located at 2064 Comox Avenue. This event will be in the Bistro lounge. They have prepared a special menu for our visit. We have been at this venue several times and have always had good service. The staff are very friendly and accommodating.

An announcement about this event will be sent out early next week. Wait until then before you respond.

It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub. It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house. The difference is staggering...

## Hiking Groups

Under good weather, 12 club members undertook the Bevan / Puntledge River Ecological Forest hike. We were all very impressed with the new trailhead information boards, outhouse and bike repair rack constructed just off Lake Trail Road at the new Water Treatment plant – take a look. Did you know there were 100+ homesites at Bevan in the early 1900's? We did encounter several washed-out parts of the trail past the dam to the Comox Lake Bluffs, but all managed to navigate these with little difficulty.

Enjoy the photos of an adventurous day on the trail.

- Tim



In another hiking group adventure last month, Jim Cooper lead a group through Supply Creek Canyon .

