



PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE

NEWSLETTER

Chartered October 25, 2001 with 80 charter members

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April 2012

MEMBERSHIP

As of the 14th of April our membership stands at 209

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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President's Message

First of all, thanks to Keith Trail for sharing this photo of some happy cooks at our very successful Pancake Breakfast last month. It looks as if one or two individuals might be missing. I know, for example, that Earl Culpepper and Brian Rodgers were busy slaving away, neither barefoot nor pregnant, in the kitchen. We owe a big thank you to Joan for all her organization, to her team of cooks and to ABC Restaurant who supplied the pancake mix. Graham Gates once again helped the meeting along by providing some

suitable background music while we feasted on all the goodies and enjoyed the slideshow provided by our Photo Group.

As another good example of the level of volunteering that we enjoy in our club I can tell you that Barb and Phil Wilson have already offered to organize our Pancake Breakfast in 2013. Now that is forward planning for you!

At the March meeting I was saddened to have to report the death of another of our members – Shirley Gray. A Memorial Service was held for Shirley on Tuesday April 3rd.

On a happier note, following a successful Pancake Breakfast in March we can now look forward to our annual Spring Lunch which, this year, will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Nanaimo on April 17th. If you have not already purchased your tickets I am afraid it may be too late. Nevertheless, I look forward to seeing many of you there as this is always a good opportunity to meet and greet our returning Snowbirds.

The Social Chairpersons of the Northwest Bay and Nanoose Clubs have both been in touch with us to determine the level of interest that Lantzville might have in joining them with some of their social activities. As slightly smaller clubs than ours they sometimes find it difficult to garner sufficient numbers to make some of their outings and activities viable. We have told them that if they wish to issue an invitation in order to make up numbers we will be happy to circulate it among our members. This is a good opportunity for you to meet other Probians (I believe that is the accepted collective term!) from our neighbouring areas. After all, we already engage with the N Nanaimo, Nanaimo and Bastion clubs on activities such as bowling and curling.

Trevor

IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS OR TOPICS, PLEASE CONTACT Carole Bullock at 250-751-3709 or drop her an e-mail at cbullock2@shaw.ca

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Don't forget, **BYOCM to the General Meetings, please.** *Peter*

NO PROMOTION, ADVERTISEMENTS OR SOLICITATION FOR NON-PROBUS RELATED CAUSES IS PERMITTED AT OUR GENERAL MEETINGS OR OUR ACTIVITIES

MEETING SPEAKER –

In **April** we will have as a speaker a **Mr. Gerry Addy**. His topic is

" **Climate Change**" - FROM IGNORANCE TO BELIEF.

He explains why we are on the threshold of changes that threaten our grandchildren.

Interest Groups and Conveners 2012

BRIDGE, MIXED - Conveners, **Mervyn & Marlene Jones** 250-751-1785 or call **Gary & Suzanne Brothers (when the Jones are away)** 250-758-0877 the location is St. Philips-by-the-Sea Anglican Church on Lantzville Road

BOWLING Convener, **XXXXXX**
The **North Nanaimo Probus Club** has invited us to bowl with them the **Last Tuesday** of each month at 3:30pm at BRECHIN LANES. This is two games of mixed bowling and everyone is welcome.

CHAIR SET UP- **Stan Mackey** 756 1631 **Keith Trail** 250-751-1055 Helpers welcome. Contact Stan.

COFFEE SET UP- **Joan Sawicki** 756 4679, Helpers wanted, contact Joan.

CRAFTS - Convener (Group 1), **Arlene McCulloch** 250-751-8898.
Convener (Group 2), **Margaret Carmichael** 250-758-4729.
Convener (Group 3), **Lia VanWassenaar** 250-751-1801

CURLING - See you again in the Fall.

DINING OUT Conveners, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681 & **Suzanne Brothers** 250-758-0877
Meets the **4th Friday** of every month at **6:00pm**.

There is NO 'Dining Out' in April due to the 'Spring Luncheon'.

Dining Out in **May** on **Friday 25th** @ 600pm. Will be at **'La Famaglia'** at #1-321 Wesley Street, 591-1321.

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DRINKS and APPIES NIGHT - Convener, **Carole Bullock** 250-751-3709. cbullock2@shaw.ca.

If you are new to Drinks & Appies and would like to join: **Functions are held the third weekend of each month with two homes participating.** It is a reciprocal club where, if you join, you are expected to "Host" a function. Small or large homes, it's fun always. Call Carole at 250-751-3709 or email cbullock2@shaw.ca for more information

For the Month of **April**: **'No Information at time of issue'**
Host Home #1 –
Host Home #2 –

Info. For where and when to be on a sign-up sheet at the **General Meeting**,

EXCURSIONS – **REMINDER!**

EXCURSION TO TSA-KWA-LUTEN LODGE

Monday & Tuesday, May 7th & 8th, 2012

Members have made reservations for 15 rooms so we will be a good sized group and we WILL have fun!

Any questions, call Carol Halliwell (250-390-3443 or halliwellfour@shaw.ca)

GOLF, MIXED - Convener, **Mervyn Jones** 250-751-1785 or mandmjones@shaw.ca.

Because of good early spring weather we are thinking of starting our Probus (Nine and Dine) Golf in April.

Nine holes at Memorial Golf Club in Qualicum Beach (one of the best maintained courses on the Island) followed by dinner at their restaurant. Although they will have no "9&Dine" rates set up yet we should be able to take advantage of their 'Twilight' rates.

Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting.

HELPING HANDS -- Has the list of members who have volunteered to help anyone needing assistance.

Call **Dianne Tucker**, at 250-758-8042 or **Berta Trail** at 250-751-1055.

Back up-Janet McGregor at 250-758-6384, Claire Martens 250-751-0930, Carmen Aziz at 250-758-4258

HIKING GROUP -- Convener, **John Halliwell** – 250-390-3443 or halliwellfour@shaw.ca. Meets **Every Thursday** but *not* the 4th Thursday.

"The established policy of the 'Hiking Group' is that "NO DOGS are allowed on the hikes". It would be appreciated by the members if this policy is observed.

Interest Groups and Conveners 2012

- LADIES BOOK CLUB** – **Group 1** Convener **Adele Klatt**, en-adele@shaw.ca, 250 758 0906
Group 2 Convener **Janet McGregor**, hikerliker@shaw.ca 250 758 6384. This group has space for some new members and meets on the **first Wednesday** of each month from **1:30 to 3:30 P.M.** at members' homes.
- LADIES BRIDGE** – Convener, **Barb Myden**, bmyden@shaw.ca, phone 250-756-0804
Ladies Monday Afternoon Bridge Group,
Dates: alternate Monday afternoons **Time:** 1 - 4 p.m.
We are presently looking for one additional regular player and would also welcome any others who would like to be substitutes
- LADIES COFFEE 'N CHAT** - Convener **Barb Norris** @ 250-585-3601 or e-mail at grnorris@shaw.ca
2:00PM, **2nd Tuesday** at 'Haz Beans' Coffee House on the corner of Rutherford Rd and the Island Highway.
- LADIES LUNCH GROUP** -- Convener is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805, meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month.
May lunch will be at the new '**Original Joe**' restaurant at Country Club Centre.
- MEN'S BRIDGE** -- Convener, **Lawrence Johnson** 250-760-0113, there are two groups who meet on **alternating Wednesdays** September thru April, with a 4 week break around Christmas. Each player takes turn hosting in their home at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for new players as regulars or those who are willing to substitute on an "as needed" basis.
- MEN'S COFFEE** -- Convener, **Ron Walker** 250-756-1949. The group meets at the **Nanaimo Golf Club** on **Tuesday** mornings at 10:00 AM
- MEN'S POKER** -- Convener, **REQUIRED!!**. sub? Two groups. Call Doug Krenz 250-751-2410 the groups meet on **alternate Monday** nights at 6:30-10: PM in player's homes.
- PUB NIGHT** -- Conveners, **Carolyn Fyfe** 250-756-1307 or **Alan Whittall** 250-758-7965.
Meets the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. Watch your Newsletter for pub locations
April Pub Night is the **24th**, due to the Spring Luncheon, at the '**Jingle Pot Pub**' on the South End of Jingle Pot Rd. at 6:00pm.
May Pub Night, on the **15th**, is at the '**Griffin's Lair**', on the Island Highway **South** of the Nanaimo Airport at **6:00pm**.
- PHOTO CLUB**, Convener **Lia Van Wassenaar** lvw1944@gmail.com , 250-751-1801,
Back up **Margaret Pierce**, marmar@island.net, 250-390-4893. Every **1st** and **3rd Tuesday**, 8:30A.M-12:30pm including on location shoot and 'show and tell' with lunch. Meeting location to be determined.

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SKIING/SNOW SPORTS -- Convener **Barry Lapointe** lblapointe@shaw.ca , 250-390-1890

Skiing/Snow Sports

The scope of activities for snow recreation sports has been expanded to include not only Alpine, but also Nordic and Snowshoeing. A new contact list will be circulated and include each of these activities.

In addition, The Bastion City Probus Ski group contact details will be listed with the Lantzville and Harbour City Clubs. This will increase the opportunities for shared transportation and finding a compatible snow sport person.

Individuals should be aggressive in reaching out to those on the snow sport list. For those Probus members not on the ski list but would like a copy, contact Barry at 250 390 1890.

SOUND MAN – **Gary Brothers** at 250-758-0877, garyw@brothers.ca Back-up, **Keith Trail** at 250-751-1055 or **Don Carmichael** at 250-758-4729.

SUNSHINE -- If anyone has a special event in their life, such as a significant Birthday, Anniversary, new Grand/Great Grandchild you would like to share with us, or if you know of any member who is unwell or in need of a little “sunshine” in their life, please contact **Lia Van Wassenaar**, lvw1944@gmail.com or 250-751-1801, with **Hazel Whittaker**, hjwhitt@shaw.ca, 250-390-1728 as back up when Lia is away. Please notify Lia if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card.

April Birthday Congratulations to :- Barry Lapointe, Brian Smith, Claire Martens, Donna McAskile, Doug Krenz, Doug Slowski, Eleanor Kendal, Evelyn Caven, Gaye Culpepper, George Norris, Judy Reid, Keith Trail, Ken Jones, Margaret Carmichael, Margaret Pierce, Mike Finch, Ray Honig, Verlie Carney, Walter Kilback

If your Birthday is missing and you wish it to be included, or listed incorrectly, please notify **Lia**, at 250-751-1801 or e-mail her at lvw1944@gmail.com

WALKING GROUP – Convener, **Phil Wilson** at 250-468-9418. - Meets weekly on Wednesdays, at 10:00am, at various locations, takes approximately 1.5hours.

April 18th -- Rath Trevor Beach – meet at the parking lot at Tigh-Na-Mara Resort.

April 25th -- Westwood Lake – meet in the Westwood Lake parking lot.

May 2nd -- Colliery Dam – meet in the parking lot at the end of Wakesiah Avenue.

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WALKING GROUP – May 9th -- Bowen Park / Buttertubs Marsh – meet in the parking lot by the Bowen Park tennis courts.

May 16th -- Grandon Canyon (Qualicum) – meet at the Qualicum Museum parking lot near the E & N train station.

May 23rd -- Morrell Sanctuary – meet at the Morrell parking lot, off Nanaimo Lakes Road.

May 30th -- Neck Point – meet in the parking lot, off Hammond Bay Road.

All walks start at 10:00am, and take approximately one to one and a half hours, and usually end up at one of the areas finer dining establishments for after walk coffee and discussions of the local, provincial and world concerns.

The walks are on well established trails and relatively easy walking. If you have any questions or concerns contact **Phil Wilson** at 250-468-9418 , **Doreen Schaefer** at 250-729-8007 or **Bill Joss** at 250-756-1181.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

During my physical, my doctor asked me about my daily activity level, and so I described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I waded along the edge of a lake, drank eight beers, escaped from wild dogs in the heavy brush, marched up and down several rocky hills, stood in a patch of poison ivy, crawled out of quicksand, jumped away from an aggressive rattlesnake and took four "leaks" behind big trees."

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoors man!"

"No," I replied, "I'm just a lousy golfer."*

Life is short...So Remember to Live Well & Laugh Often!

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
March 22, 2012

After a Pancake Breakfast put on by Joan Sawicki and helpers, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m by our President, Trevor Craddock.

There were 4 guests introduced today by Dan Tettamanti. They were: Roy Sheppard, Barry Jones, John Lawrence, and Patrick McGuire. There are 99 in attendance today.

Minutes: Bill Joss moved and Arlene McCulloch seconded that the minutes be adopted as read.

Treasurer's Report: We have a cash position of \$4,431.41 and a Net Deposit position of \$11,424.00.

Membership: Dan Tettamanti introduced 3 new members. They were: Heather Slowski, Donna & Robert Jordan.

President's Report: Trevor thanked Joan Sawicki and her helpers for the wonderful Pancake Breakfast. Graham Gates was also thanked and given a cheque he gives to charity, for playing the music at the Pancake Breakfast. The Photo Club was also thanked for their display and slide show at the breakfast. Thanks also to the curlers for the recent Fun Curling Bonspiel.

Two members of the Lantzville Probus have recently passed away. They were Doug Reid and Shirley Gray.

Committee Reports:

Vice President Report: Carole Bullock announced that our speaker for April will be Jerry Addy from the Parksville Probus who will talk on Climate Change. He will explain why we are on the threshold of a climatic change.

Carole also talked about the up-coming Drinks & Appies and indicated there were sign-up sheets on the table.

Social Report: Spring lunch plans are going well. Tickets are on sale today and 71 have been sold so far.

Octoberfest – Lynda Farrell and Pauline Brigden want to organize another Octoberfest this year. Nanoose and Northwest club have invited us to join them for an Octoberfest. There was a show of hands as to whether we want to join them or have our own Octoberfest. The majority want to have our own party.

Sunshine: Lia VanWassenaar announced the March birthdays. Cards were sent to Judy Reid (get well) Gaye Culpepper (get well), Wayne Schaefer (get well) Giselle Roeder (get well), and Judy Reid (bereavement).

Activities: Merv Jones talked about the 9-Hole Twilight Golf coming up on Friday, April 13th at Memorial Golf Course. The Price is \$18.00 + tax and will start about 3:00. Dinner will be ordered off the menu.

Excursions: There were 11 tickets sold for the Alaskan Cruise in Sept.

Trevor wound-up the meeting by reading a poem about aging.

No Pub Lunch today.

There was no speaker today because of the Pancake Breakfast.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:25 with a motion by Lola Denesyk, seconded by Barb Wilson.

Next Meeting: April 26, 2012