

P.O. Box 466, Lantzville, BC, V0R 2H0

Regular Meetings: 4th Thursday of every month at 9:30 am.



PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE

NEWSLETTER

Chartered October 25, 2001 with 80 charter members

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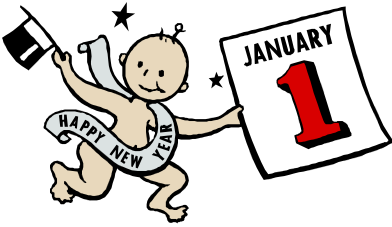
January 2012

MEMBERSHIP

As of the 8th of December our membership stands at **205**

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Dr. Trevor Craddock	250-468-9489 craddock@shaw.ca
Vice-President:	Carole Bullock	250-751-3709 cbullock2@shaw.ca
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The Presidents Message for January 2012

Welcome to 2012! On behalf of the Management Committee I extend best wishes to all of you for a healthy and prosperous New Year. Given our respective ages and the present state of the economy this may well be regarded as a grossly optimistic wish, but with the activities we have in our Probus club we can certainly make it a busy year.

Peter Barker has already circulated a notice regarding the Celebration of Life service for Neil Johnson but let me just remind you once again that it will be held at Trinity Church located just off Metral close to the Super Store at 1:30 on Saturday, January 28th.

Many thanks to the Social Committee under Brian Rodger's able leadership for the excellent Christmas lunch in December. Thanks as well to Dan Tettamanti and Brenda Savage for contribution on the day itself. It was too bad that Brian was unable to attend and enjoy the celebration himself. Based on the success of our Christmas lunches at the Coast Bastion our new Social Chairperson, Brenda Savage, has already booked for December 18th this year.

Thanks, too, to Dan and Sharon Tettamanti for accepting the challenge of managing our Membership list. Neil Johnson had been our Membership Secretary since the formation of the club so Dan and Sharon have some big shoes to fill. They are already signing on new members whom we look forward to welcoming to our club. If you have friends or neighbours who would like to participate in our club please invite them to come along as guests where they can learn what Probus is all about.

At the Management Committee meeting this month it was decided to eliminate the calendar page from the monthly newsletter. Because we include our General Meeting Minutes in the Newsletter the page count sometimes becomes cumbersome. Most of the activities are already listed separately and creating an accurate monthly calendar poses an added challenge. We do, however, welcome feedback from you.

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

PROBUS CANADA GROUP TRAVEL INSURANCE - website www.johnson.ca/probus

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

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, **Michele Keenan** 250-585-5512 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** - Mark Sunday, **March 11th, 2012** on your calendar. We will be having our **Annual Fun Bonspiel at the Curling Rink**.
Start time is 2:30 to be off the ice by 4:30. We will again be joining other Probus groups.
Supper to follow at the Curling Club. Menu is the same as last year – Roast Beef Dip and two salads and dessert for \$13.00 which will include tip for the chef and staff. The curling will cost \$12.00 per person
Total cost for both curling and supper is \$25.00 - \$13.00 for Supper only. The Bar will be open.
There will be a sign-up sheet at the January and February meeting.
- DINING OUT** Conveners, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681 & **Suzanne Brothers** 250-758-0877 Meets the **4th Friday** of every month at **6:00pm**.

Dining Out in **January 2012** on **Friday 27th** @ 600pm. Will be at **“The Nest”** located at 486A Franklyn Street Nanaimo.

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DRINKS and APPIES NIGHT - Convener, **Carole Bullock** 250-751-3709. cbullock2@shaw.ca.
Happy 2012. 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 willing to "Host" a function. Small or large homes, it's fun always. Call Carole @ 250-751-3709 or email cbullock2@shaw.ca for more information

For the Month of **January**:

Host Home #1 – Saturday 21st 5:00 pm Keith & Berta Trail

Host Home #2 – Sunday 22nd 5:00 pm Bill & Sheila Joss

For the Month of **February**:

Host Home #1 – Edie & Ralph Barker

Host Home #2 – Sharon & Dan Tettamanti

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

EXCURSIONS – Convener, **VACANT**

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

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.

LADIES BOOK CLUB – **Group 1** Convener **Adele Klatt**, len-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, **TBD**.

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.

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LADIES LUNCH GROUP -- Convener is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805, meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month.

February lunch will be at the new restaurant in Lantzville called '**RISO**'

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

JANUARY Pub Night is the 17th at the '**Fox & Hounds**' 347 Milton St, 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.

SKYING – Convener **Barry Lapointe** blapointe@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.

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SUNSHINE CONVENER -- Notify **Lia VanWassenaar** at 250-751-1801 or lvw1944@gmail.com assisted by **Hazel Whittaker** at 250-390-1728 or hjwhitt@shaw.ca for cards to be sent to those who are ill, bereaved etc.

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

January 18th - Bowen Park / Buttertubs Marsh – meet in the parking lot by the Bowen Park tennis courts.

January 25th - Neck Point – meet in the parking lot, off Hammond Bay Road.

February 1st -- Grandon Canyon (Qualicum) – meet at the Qualicum Museum parking lot near the E & N train station.

February 8th-- Nanaimo Waterfront – meet at Maffeo Sutton Park parking lot.

February 15th-- Jacks Point – meet at the Jacks Point parking lot near the Duke Point Ferry Terminal.

February 22nd-- Neck Point – meet in the parking lot off Hammond Bay Road.

February 29th—Prawn Road – meet at the **Wilson** residence 1558 Haida Way in Sunny Nanoose Bay.

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

For all our Members who are enjoying their winters in Yuma you should visit this place!!

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece Four old retired men are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents."

They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini.

In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, "That'll be 10 cents each, please."

The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer it's all the same."

"Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the Bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "They're retired people from Florida. They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price..."

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

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, 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.

January Birthday Congratulations to Anne Tennant, Barbara Axness, Brendan Rogers, Brian Rodgers, Dianne Tucker, Donna Armstrong, Doreen Schaefer, Doreen Veach, Edie Barker, Erika Smith, Ernie Fyfe, Gary Brothers, Giselle Roeder, Joan Honig, Keith McGregor, Malcolm Dickie, Mervyn Jones, Olaf Nordstrom, Pauline Brigden, Phil Wilson, Ralph Barker, Reta Ellis, Stan Blood,

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

PTO



Gone Phishing

Yes, that is spelled correctly! What I am referring to here is the fishing expeditions in which hackers engage to obtain your personal data.

Given that various reports suggest that only about 50% of our membership actually reads this newsletter I am not sure how useful this warning may be - especially as the 50% that don't read it may well be the ones who might be victims of phishing! I am, of course, referring to those bogus emails that we all receive from time to time issuing some dire warning or other and then requesting that we fill out some details of our email accounts or even our bank accounts in order to rectify the situation. Some of these bogus emails look inspiringly authentic with the company's logo neatly reproduced i.e RBC, CIBC, Telus, Shaw. Please do NOT fall for it! You might want to check the sender's email address but you can rest assured that under no circumstances will Shaw, Telus or your banks request that you provide details such as your user name, password, PIN number or account details by email.

You may, indeed, be requested to provide that sort of information if you are contacting the company by phone or on-line but, then, you initiated the call and it is only reasonable that the company should need confirmation of your identity or, perhaps, your password in order to access your account.

I have seen several examples among my friends and correspondents recently where someone has inadvertently provided their user name and password to a "phisher" only to have their email account then "kidnapped" and used to send bulk mail to all the names on their contact list. Some victims of this scam have resorted to changing their Internet provider, but the quickest and easiest way to resolve the problem is to change your password - quickly!

You may also want to forward the bogus email to the on-line support team at the company being spoofed. Shaw, for example, could then block the user sending such phishing emails. But don't expect a response as there are so many of these bogus emails that it would be impossible to respond to you individually.

Be warned - gone whale watching, Trevor