



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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P.O. Box 514, Lantzville, BC, V0R 2H0

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Certainly, for we "Islanders", Spring is almost in full bloom.

March is National Probud Month across Canada for the 2nd year now. The joy of Probud Experience is deeply entrenched. There will be lots of celebration and enthusiasm in each Probud Club. We are all looking forward to our Special "Pancake Breakfast" as our way of celebration this March 26th at 9:00 am. See you all there at this heralded event.

Enjoy the giving of an "Act of Kindness".

Cheers,

Keith McGregor
President

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Keith McGregor	250-758-6384
Vice-President	Phil Wilson	250-468-9418
Past President	Lia Van Wassenaar	250-751-1801
Treasurer	George Norris	250-585-3601
Secretary	Annabel Rogers (temp)	250-585-6684
Membership	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-729-9668
Social Activities	Vacant!!!	
Sunshine Person	Dianna Bradley	250-585-5636
Webmaster/Newsletter	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

Thursday 26th March – Next Monthly General Meeting

After the Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 am. At Costin Hall, Lantzville

(Please Remember Your Coffee Mug)

No Promotion, Advertisements Or Solicitation For Non-Probud Related Causes Is Permitted At Our General Meetings Or Our Activities

MEMBERSHIP

As of **March 10th** we had 208 paid-up members

MEETING NOTICES

FEBRUARY 26th 2015 (last meeting)

Click [here](#) to open the Minutes of the General Meeting directly.

MARCH 26th 2015 (next meeting)

The Annual Pancake Breakfast will be served by the Management Committee, **but not before 9 am at the earliest**; please adjust your arrival time accordingly.

The regular meeting business will be conducted at some point during the breakfast, when sufficient members are present. There will, however, be no speaker on this occasion.

APRIL 23rd 2015 (following meeting)

Speaker: Steve Watson

Stephen Watson will be talking to us about BC Hydro's capital projects on Vancouver Island.

Steve has been with BC Hydro for about 24 years, with about 15 of those years in community relations and capital project communications. He currently works out of BC Hydro's Nanaimo District Office.

He attended the University of Nevada-Reno in the 1980s for an undergraduate science degree in geography, and obtained his Master of Science degree in community and regional land use planning from UBC in the early 1990s.

His work has lately been focused on working closely with the Comox Valley and Campbell River communities, ranging from hydroelectric operations, such as flood risk management and issues management, to various capital projects like the billion dollar John Hart Generating Station Replacement Project.

Stephen was born in Nanaimo, raised in Qualicum Beach and has lived in Nanoose Bay since 2001. He is married and has an 8-year old son.

If anyone has suggestions for meeting speakers or topics, please contact **Phil Wilson** on **250-468-9418**.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Summer Barbeque - needs a small team of volunteers to organise it, **if it is to take place**. If you are able to help out in any way, please let Keith or any member of the management team know as soon as possible.

Management Committee – we need to have a Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President for next year if the club is to function properly. These positions will be voted upon at the September Annual General Meeting, but now is the time to be thinking about stepping up to do your bit for the club. If you feel able to volunteer, or if you want to know more about what's involved, please indicate your interest to Lia Van Wassenaar, or any member of the management team.

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Alan Brigden, Barbara Dejonghe, Betty Smith, Bob Lloyd, Carol Walker, Cec McCulloch, Eileen Callanan, Eileen Burkhard, Gail Robertson, Gwen Hudson, Hap Armstrong, Jim Bell, Josephine Labonte, Lia VanWassenaar, Mac Smith, Marcy Blood, Mary Holland, Roy Sheppard, Val Alcock, Val Fenton.

APRIL

Barry Lapointe, Brian Smith, Donna McAskile, Donna Seaman, Doug Slowski, Herman Maldonado, Gaye Culpepper, George Norris, Judy Reid, Keith Trail, Margaret Carmichael, Margaret Pierce, Mike Finch, Ray Honig, Verlie Carney, Walter Kilback

GENERAL NOTICES

Spring Luncheon

The Spring Luncheon this year will be held on **Tuesday, April 28th** at The Nanaimo Golf Club, 2800 Highland Blvd, Nanaimo BC, V9S 3N8.

Tickets will be available at the March 26th General Meeting.
Members: \$20; Guests \$29

MENU

Artisan Breads & Butter
Mixed Greens with Dried Cranberries,
Roasted Pumpkin Seeds & Poppy Seed Vinaigrette;
Citrus Quinoa Salad with Fresh Mangoes, Raisins & Champagne Vinaigrette;
Roasted Potato Salad with Green Beans & Honey Dijon Dressing;
Herb Roasted Pork Loin with Mushroom Demi Glaze,
OR Wild Sockeye Maple Salmon;

Nanaimo Art Gallery Tour

A **Nanaimo Art Gallery** Tour / Wine and Cheese event has been arranged for **Friday 5th June** from 5 - 7 pm. The theme of the exhibition is Spirit Gum. Vouchers will be on sale at General Meetings for the all-inclusive price of \$10. There is an accommodation limit of 40 people.

ACTIVITY NOTICES

Walking Group (Wednesdays)

- March 18** Neck Point – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- March 25** Morrell Sanctuary – meet at the Morrell parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.
- April 1** Nanaimo Waterfront – meet at the top end of the Maffeo Sutton Park parking lot
- April 8** Westwood Lake – meet at the Westwood parking lot at the top end of Westwood Rd.
- April 15** Colliery Dam – meet in the parking lot at the end of Wakesiah Ave.
- April 22** Moorecroft Park (Nanoose Bay area) – Turn right on Northwest Bay Rd.(Petro Can) right on Stewart and watch for the small signs for Moorecroft Park.
- April 29** Bowen Park/Buttertubs Marsh – meet in the Bowen Park parking lot behind the tennis courts.

Convenors: Phil Wilson, 250-468-9418 and Doreen Schaefer, 250-729-8007.

Dining Out Group

The **March** Dining Out will be on **Friday, March 27th** at 6:00 pm at Alexandra's Bistro, 21-2220 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, V9S 1H9.

Convenor: Helen Lemmon, 250-753-6681

Ladies Lunch Group

The **April** Ladies Luncheon will be on **Thursday, April 9th** at 11:45 at Sushi Ryu, next to Costco on Applecross Road.

Convenor: Barbara Samarin, 250-390-2805

Other Probus Groups

Our club receives newsletters from PROBUS Canada every quarter, containing various articles about the organisation in Canada as a whole. If you are interested, the latest issue (**March 2015**) is available on their website ([click here](#)).

Also on the PROBUS Canada website ([click here](#)) you will find links to the newsletters of other PROBUS local clubs, and where they have one, their websites. For example all the BC clubs are listed [here](#).

Irish Love Story

An elderly Irishman lay dying in his bed. While suffering the agonies of impending death, he suddenly smelled the aroma of his favourite scones wafting up the stairs.

He gathered his remaining strength, and lifted himself from the bed. Leaning on the wall, he slowly made his way out of the bedroom, and with even greater effort, gripping the railing with both hands, he crawled downstairs.

With laboured breath, he leaned against the door-frame, gazing into the kitchen. Were it not for death's agony, he would have thought himself already in heaven, for there, spread out upon the kitchen table were literally hundreds of his favourite scones.

Was it heaven? Or was it one final act of love from his devoted Irish wife of sixty years, seeing to it that he left this world a happy man?

Mustering one great final effort, he threw himself towards the table, landing on his knees in a rumpled posture. His aged and withered hand trembled towards a scone at the edge of the table, when it was suddenly smacked by his wife with a wooden spoon ...

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“Hands off” she said, “They're for the funeral.”

INTEREST GROUPS

- BRIDGE, MIXED** Convenors, **Mervyn & Marlene Jones** 250-751-1785 or call Gary & Suzanne Brothers (when the Joneses are away) 250-758-0877 the location is St. Philips-by-the-Sea Anglican Church on Lantzville Road; meets on *alternate* Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. ([MAP](#)).
- BOWLING** The North Nanaimo Probus Club has invited the Lantzville Club to bowl with them the Last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm at BRECHIN LANES. This is two games of mixed bowling and everyone is welcome.
- CHAIR SET UP** **Al Whitcomb** 250-729-0378 and **Wayne Schaefer** 250-729-8007. Helpers welcome. Contact Al or Wayne.
- COFFEE SET UP** **Joan Sawicki** 250-756-4679, Helpers wanted, contact Joan.
- CRAFTS** Convenor (Group 1), **Arlene McCulloch** 250-751-8898.
Convenor (Group 2), **Margaret Carmichael** 250-758-4729.
- CURLING** Convenor, **Doreen Schaefer** 250-729-8007
- DINING OUT** Convenors, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681. Meets the 4th Friday of every month at 6:00 pm at a restaurant to be selected.
- DRINKS & APPIES** Convenor, **Bill Joss** 250-756-1181. 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 agreement where, if you join, you are expected to "Host" a function. Small or large homes, it's always fun. Info for where and when will be on a sign-up sheet at each General Meeting.
- GOLF, MIXED** Convenor, **Mervyn Jones** 250-751-1785.
- HELPING HANDS** A list of members who have volunteered to help anyone needing assistance. Call **Dianne Tucker**, at 250-758-8042.
- Back-up: Janet McGregor at 250-758-6384, Carmen Aziz at 250-758-4258
- HIKING GROUP** Meets every Thursday but not the 4th Thursday.
Convenors: **Brenda Savage**, 250-390-3368,
Mervyn Jones, 250-751-1785.
- LADIES BOOK CLUB**
Group 1 Convenor **Adele Klatt**, 250-758-0906
Group 2 Convenor **Janet McGregor**, 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 pm at members' homes.
- LADIES BRIDGE** Convenor, **Barb Myden**, phone 250-756-0804. Ladies Monday Afternoon Bridge Group; held on *alternate* Monday afternoons. Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

LADIES COFFEE 'N CHAT

Convenor **Barb Norris**, 250-585-3601. The group meets at 2:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month at Polly Anna's High Tea House, Nanaimo North Shopping Centre, 201-4950 Rutherford Road.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Convenor is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

MEN'S BRIDGE

Convenor, **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 a turn hosting in their home at 6:30 pm. ***We are always looking for new players as regulars or those who are willing to substitute on an "as needed" basis.***

MEN'S COFFEE

Convenor, **Ron Walker** 250-756-1949. The group meets every **Tuesday at 10:00 am** at the Windward Pub, Beaufort Centre, Boundary Crescent, across from the hospital.

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Convenor is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805. This group meets on Tuesday evenings to enjoy a movie of their selection. The date each month depends on which movie is chosen.

PUB NIGHT

Convenors, **Carolyn Fyfe** 250-756-1307 or **Alan Whittall** 250-758-7965. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

PHOTO CLUB

Convenor **Lia Van Wassenaar**, 250-751-1801. Back-up: Margaret Pierce, 250-390-4893. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 am -12:30 pm including 'on-location shoot' and 'show and tell' with lunch to follow. Meeting location to be determined monthly.

RAMBLERS

Convenor, **John Halliwell**. Meets Thursdays but *not* the 4th Thursday. Ramblers will be notified by e-mail if a ramble is planned. (Note: "NO DOGS" policy.)

SOUND MAN

Gary Brothers at 250-758-0877. Back-up: Keith Trail, 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 **Dianna Bradley**, 250-585-5636. Please notify Dianna if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card.

WALKING GROUP

Convenors, **Phil Wilson**, 250-468-9418 and **Doreen Schaefer**, 250-729-8007. Unless otherwise stated all walks start at 10:00 am and last for about an hour and a half on well-established trails, usually finishing at a coffee shop to discuss current events and set the world to rights. (Dogs welcome)

WEBMASTER

Brendan Rogers, 250-585-6684.