



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the first official full month of Spring. Leaves fill out our trees along with the explosion of beautiful blossoms. It is a rejuvenating feeling to bask in the longer daylight.

Snowbirds are returning and we refresh our friendships. We look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, and we hope to see you at the Spring Luncheon, April 28th.

Enjoy your activities this month.

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	Allan McAskile	250-248-9386
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 23rd April – Next Monthly General Meeting

9:30 am. At Costin Hall, Lantzville

(Please Remember Your Coffee Mug)

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

MEMBERSHIP

As of **April 14th** we had 211 paid-up members

MEETING NOTICES

MARCH 26th 2015 (last meeting)

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

APRIL 23rd 2015 (next 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.

MAY 28th 2015 (following meeting)

Speaker: Scott Warren

S/Sgt. Scott Warren has been in the RCMP for the better part of 33 years. He has been stationed in Alberta in general duty policing and highway patrol, in Ontario as firearms instructor, Diplomatic Security and SWAT team leader, in Saskatchewan at the National Training Academy, and in BC on general duty, bike patrol, Emergency Response Team and as a Labour Representative.

S/Sgt. Warren was stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan for 12 months with two other Mounties where they were teaching the National GDPSU (SWAT) basic police skills. He will be speaking to us on the role of Canadian police in Afghanistan: logistic issues, costs, culture; and about the risks encountered, the ongoing war, and the people.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY

Alan Deamer, Anne Rasmussen, Arlene McCulloch, Barbara Wilson, Christina Kjerulf, Janet Winton, Lynda Farrell, Marie Hammons, Marie Rickwood, Mary Dickie, Richard Chahley, Trudy Teneycke, Vivian Streader, Wayne Schaefer, Zorka Becir

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, and previously-reserved tickets must be paid for
by the end of the April 23rd 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,
Wild Sockeye Maple Salmon;
Assorted Desserts; Coffee, Tea.

Stu Donaldson

For those of you who may have missed the obituary in the Bulletin recently, there will be a Celebration of Life for Stu Donaldson on May 9th at 1:30 pm at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 257 in Lantzville.

Donations to "Wheels for Wellness Society", 1894 Bolt Ave, Comox, or The Salvation Army, 19 Nicol Street, Nanaimo.

Nanaimo Art Gallery Tour

A **Nanaimo Art Gallery** Tour and Wine & 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 the General Meeting on 23rd April for the all-inclusive price of \$10; payments to Janet McGregor. There is a limit of 40 people for this event.

PROBUS Summer Bar-B-Q

Our Summer Bar-B-Q will be held on Thursday August 27th.

I am currently looking for members to coordinate the following tasks:

Catering Coordinator: Ken Lemon has stepped up to take on this one.
Thanks Ken

Hall Set-up Coordinator: This would include coffee set up, table and chairs, table settings and sound system.

Games Coordinator: To plan activities such as Bocce Ball, Ladder Ball, Croquet and Bean Bag Toss. After the events, the results would need to be tabulated and prizes awarded.

Clean-up Crew Coordinator: To organize the cleaning up and taking down of tables at the hall.

Once these positions are filled we'll start the planning meetings, and will then call for volunteers for each of the tasks.

I am still looking at venues and will make an announcement in due course. Let's all work together and have a great summer event.

Please contact me at the following,
Barry Chapman
Email: rbchapman@telus.net
Phone: 250-758-6976, cell 250-713-3594

ACTIVITY NOTICES

Walking Group (Wednesdays)

- April 22** Moorecroft Park (Nanose 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.
- May 6** Jacks Point – meet at the Jacks Point parking lot near the BC Ferries Duke Point Terminal
- May 13** Linley Valley – meet at the end of Linley Road off Hammond Bay Rd.
- May 20** Neck Point Park – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- May 27** Morrell Sanctuary – meet in the Morrell parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.

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

Dining Out Group

The **May** Dining Out will be on **Friday, May 22nd** at 6:00 pm at Manvirro's Indian Grill, 1045B Terminal Ave, Nanaimo.

Convenor: Helen Lemmon, 250-753-6681

Ladies Lunch Group

The May Ladies Luncheon will be on **Thursday, May 14th** at noon at Montanas, Rutherford Mall (North Nanaimo Town Centre).

Please contact Barbara Samarin at 250-390-2805 or bjsamarin@shaw.ca if you didn't sign up at the last Ladies Luncheon, as there will be no sign up at the Spring Luncheon.

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](#).

UK Government Proposes Health Service Cuts

The various specialist groups within the British Medical Association have weighed in on Prime Minister Cameron's health care proposals:

The **Allergists** voted to scratch it, but the **Dermatologists** advised not to make any rash moves.

The **Gastroenterologists** had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but the **Neurologists** thought the administration had a lot of nerve.

The **Obstetricians** felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

Pathologists yelled: "Over my dead body!" while the **Paediatricians** said: "Oh, Grow up!"

The **Psychiatrists** thought the whole idea was madness, while the **Radiologists** could see right through it.

The **Surgeons** were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The **ENT Specialists** didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The **Pharmacologists** thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the **Plastic Surgeons** said: "This puts a whole new face on the matter..."

The **Podiatrists** thought it was a step forward, but the **Urologists** were pissed off at the whole idea.

The **Anaesthetists** thought the whole idea was a gas, but the **Cardiologists** didn't have the heart to say no.

In the end, the **Proctologists** won out, leaving the entire decision up to the arseholes in London ...

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.