



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This month is the start of our club's fifteenth year and I thought it time to look back at some of the past events that I recall in my somewhat foggy memory.

The summer picnics have always been a success, with most of them being held at Costin Hall, where for the first few years we did our own cooking - from hamburgers to steaks to roasting a couple of pigs. In more recent years, we had catered events at the hall, at the German Cultural Centre and this year at Cottonwood Golf Course. Different coordinators and committees with new ideas that make life in the club interesting.

Christmas parties ranged from Fairwinds to Tigh Na Mara, to the Coast Hotel, to this year at the Grand Hotel. Again, each one with the flavour of the organizing committee, and each one very successful.

The club had a British Comedy night and on another occasion we brought in a comedian from Victoria to provide a few laughs.

The club has done many excursions over the years with adventures to suit everyone's desires. I recall a van trip to Carmanah Valley over a few hundred kilometers of terrible road, Kayaking in Tofino fighting some wild currents, and overnight trips to Strathcona Lodge and April Point. Hopefully this year we will see more of these types of adventure.

I'm sure that the activity groups offer something for all club members. For all new members, please don't hesitate to join in.

Please feel free to offer your ideas on activities or excursions you would like. Your input will be appreciated.

I'm looking forward to a good year, and hope that I don't mess up too much!

Phil Wilson

President

Thursday 22nd October – Annual General Meeting

9:30 am – Costin Hall

(Please Remember To Bring Your Coffee Cups)

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2014-15

President	Phil Wilson	250-468-9418
Vice-President	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
Past President	Keith McGregor	250-758-6384
Treasurer	George Norris	250-585-3601
Secretary	Allan McAskile	250-248-9386
Membership	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-729-9668
Social Activities	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
Sunshine Person	Vacant	
Webmaster/Newsletter	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

MEMBERSHIP

As of June 25th we had 215 paid-up members. As at the time of writing 107 members have paid their dues for 2015-2016.

MEETING NOTICES

SEPTEMBER 24th 2015 (last meeting)

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

OCTOBER 22nd 2015 (next meeting)

Speaker: Doug Slowski

Doug Slowski will speak to us about various WW1 & WW2 sites he has visited in Europe. Doug was born in Blairmore, AB and raised in Tuffnell, SK where he first became an Air Cadet. He has subsequently combined a 40-year career in Banking with 22 years of involvement with the Air Cadet movement, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He also volunteers for the St John Ambulance organisation, and has received several awards for voluntary service.

NOVEMBER 26th 2015 (following meeting)

Speaker: Bert Hadley

Our speaker for November will be Bert Hadley who will be telling us about the Ducks Unlimited charity and their work. Bert has been a volunteer with them for 30 years. He started fundraising chapters in Vegerville, Morinville and Saba Beach in Alberta and has held fundraising positions with chapters in the Edmonton area. Bert was provincial Council Secretary of Alberta for five years and District chair for Edmonton for six years.

On moving to Nanaimo, Bert joined the local chapter. He has served as the Provincial Education Chair where he was responsible for educating the general public in what Ducks Unlimited does in BC.

Ducks Unlimited is a registered charity and works with government, industry, and land owners to conserve wetlands for waterfowl, wildlife and the environment. They have completed almost 10,000 habitat projects and conserved 6.4 million acres across Canada.

If anyone has suggestions for meeting speakers or topics, please contact **Barry Chapman** on **250-758-6976**.

BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

Allan McAskile, Bob Dickie, Carolyn Fyfe, Del Haylock, Dianna Bradley, Earl Culpepper, Edie Dickie, Frank Hillier, Gerry Streader, Jessie Mennie, Jim Tucker, Joan Nolte, Lavern Hillier, Marilyn Whitcomb, Marlene Jones, Sharon Deamer, Susan Collett.

NOVEMBER

Brenda Savage, Carmen Aziz, Don Carmichael, Jack Whittaker, Ken Keenan, Pat Wimmer, Ronald Neil, Ross Fraser, Roy Farrell, Sharon Tettamanti, Tessie Wallace.

GENERAL NOTICES

Membership Dues

Please note that dues for the 2015-2016 (\$30 per person) need to be paid to Dan or Sharon Tettamanti before the end of October. Therefore kindly remember to bring your cheque books with you to the General Meeting on 22nd October.

(They also accept cash!!)

While renewing your membership, if you have moved house in the last year or so, would you also make sure that Dan and Sharon have your current address and telephone details. Thank you.

Sunshine Person

There is a vacancy on the Management Team for a "Sunshine Person", who sends appropriate cards on behalf of the club to members who may be unwell or who have an upcoming special event in their life, or who are otherwise in need of a little "sunshine" in their life.

We also need a backup Sunshine Person to cover those occasions when the Sunshine Person is unable to carry out the function.

Please contact any member of the committee if you are able to volunteer in either capacity.

Activity Convenors

Would all Activity Convenors please review the details published later in this Newsletter and email any discrepancies or changes required to lantzvilleprobus@gmail.com

Thank You

ACTIVITY NOTICES

Walking Group (Wednesdays)

The walks all start at 10:00, except where noted. Try coming a little earlier, as we leave right at 10:00am.

- October 21** Neck Point – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- October 28** Westwood Lake – meet at the Westwood Lake parking lot at the top end of Westwood Rd.
- November 4** Bowen and Buttertubs – meet in the parking area behind the Bowen Park tennis courts.
- November 11** Linley Valley – meet at the end of Linley Road off Hammond Bay Rd.
- November 18** Morrell Sanctuary – meet in the parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.
- November 25** Moorecroft Park – meet at Moorecroft Park off Stewart Rd in Nanoose.

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

Dining Out Group

The **October** Dining Out will be on **Friday, October 23rd** at 6:30 pm at:
The Nest, 77 Skinner Street, Nanaimo (250 591-2721)
Convenor: Helen Lemmon, 250-753-6681

Ladies Lunch Group

The November Ladies Luncheon will be on **Thursday, November 12th** at noon at:
The Longwood Brew Pub, Longwood Station, 5775 Turner Rd, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6L8.

Convenor: Barbara Samarin, 250-390-2805 or bjsamarin@shaw.ca

SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

October 2016 will be the 15th anniversary of the Club's inauguration. If anyone has any suggestions for events to mark the occasion, would they please pass them on to Phil Wilson, or any other member of the Management Committee. Thank You.

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 (**September 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](#).

Why Women Make Better Assassins . . .

The CIA had an opening for an assassin.

After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were three finalists: two men and a woman.

For the final test, the CIA agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. "We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair. Kill her."

The man said "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife".

The agent said, "Then you are not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home".

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes, "I tried, but I can't kill my wife."

The agent said, "You don't have what it takes, so take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions: to kill her husband.

She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, and banging on the walls.

After several minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, exhausted and wiping sweat from her brow.

"The gun was loaded with blanks" she said. "I had to kill him with the chair."

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.
- 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** **Lia Van Wassenaar** 250-751-1801, Helpers wanted, contact Lia.
- 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, **Carole Bullock** 250-751-3709. 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

Convenors, **John Collett** 250-729-0198 and **Bob Jordan** 250-729-9939. We meet on alternating Wednesdays from September to 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, **Dot Johnson** 250-758-2030, 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 anyone on the Management Committee.

WALKING GROUP

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