



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It's great to live in an area where in early February we can start thinking about doing spring things and start planning for the summer months.

Dan and Sharon have been working hard organizing a Spring Luncheon, and again this year it will be at Fairwinds Golf Course. A fantastic setting for such an event.

Jim Moody (the club's newest member) has offered to organize the summer picnic. Listening to Jim at the last meeting makes me think it will be a fun event...

Time for me to clean up the golf clubs and straighten out the fishing gear. Oh yea, and start the lawn mower, organize the gardening supplies and make sure we have everything for our painting projects.

Hopefully you can get out for some Probus events, like a round of golf, an easy Wednesday walk with the walking group or a Thursday hike with the club hikers.

And especially, Spring Lunch at Fairwinds in April. Enjoy!

Phil Wilson
President

Thursday 25th February – 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	250-734-1383
Social Activities	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
Sunshine Person	Dianne Tucker	250-758-8042
Webmaster/Newsletter	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

MEMBERSHIP

As of February 9th we had 196 paid-up members. A copy of the current members list is available upon request by email from Dan Tettamanti (dstettamanti@hotmail.com).

MEETING NOTICES

JANUARY 28th 2015 (last meeting)

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

FEBRUARY 25th 2015 (next meeting)

Speaker: Bob Morris

Bob is currently the president of the Canadian Wildlife Federation, a member of the Vancouver Island Marmot Recovery Team since 1978 and president of Wildlife Records Club of BC since 1986.

Born and raised in Nanaimo, he graduated from NDSS in 1965 and spent his working career with BC Tel/Telus as a repair and installation technician. He retired from work in 2002 and since 2003 he has been volunteering as an installer for the Lifeline Program with the Nanaimo Hospital Foundation.

Bob has worked on many conservation initiatives including the Millstone River bypass channel, identifying critical Winter Range Habitat for wildlife, and conducting inventories of Vancouver Island marmots on several mountains on Vancouver Island. He has received the Outstanding Volunteer Conservation Achievement Award from BC wildlife Federation, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

MARCH 24th 2015 (following meeting)

No Speaker – Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, etc will be served by members of the Management Committee; **please do not arrive before 9:00 am** as the hall and breakfast need to be prepared. At the meeting various activity groups within Lantzville Probus will showcase their activities.

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

Annabel Rogers, Barbara Myden, Barbara Norris, Barbara Samarin, Berta Trail, Dorothy Johnson, Janet McGregor, Neil Sorsdahl, Stan Mackey, Tom Langer, Verna Medd.

MARCH

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

ACTIVITY NOTICES

Walking Group (Wednesdays)

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

- February 24** Nanaimo Waterfront – meet in the upper parking lot at Maffeo Sutton Park.
- March 2** Bowen Park/Buttertubs Marsh – meet in the Bowen Park parking lot behind the tennis courts.
- March 9** Linley Valley – meet at the end of Linley Road off Hammond Bay Rd.
- March 16** Westwood Lake – meet in the parking lot at the top of Westwood Rd.
- March 23** Neck Point – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- March 30** Moorecroft Park – (Nanoose Bay) Northwest Bay Rd to Stewart and follow the signs.

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

Dining Out Group

The **February** event will be on **Friday, February 26nd @ 6:00pm** at:

Minnoz Restaurant and Lounge,
Coast Bastion Hotel,
11 Bastion St,
Nanaimo. (250 753-6601)

Convenor: Helen Lemmon, 250-753-6681

Spring Lunch

This year's Spring Lunch will be held at the Fairwinds Golf Club, Nanoose Bay on **Tuesday April 26th 2016**.

Further details of the menu, etc, as well as tickets, will be available at the next club meeting. Tickets will be \$27 for members and \$32 for guests.

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

PROBUS Canada publishes a newsletter a number of times each year, containing various articles about the organisation in Canada as a whole. If you are interested, the latest issue ([January 2016](#)) 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](#).

HUMOUR SECTION

Golfing Conundrum

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers that were playing in front of them.

The engineer fumed:

"What's the matter with those chaps? We have been waiting here for absolutely ages."

The doctor chimed in:

"I don't know, but I've never seen such incompetent golfers – they keep losing balls."

The priest said:

"Here comes the Greenkeeper, let's have a word with him".

"Hello George, what's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're incredibly slow."

The Greenkeeper replied:

"Oh, yes, that's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime they want."

The three fell silent for a few moments, deep in thought.

The priest said:

"That's very sad. I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said:

"Good idea. I will contact my ophthalmologist and see if anything can be done for them."

The engineer said:

"Why can't they play at night?"

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, **Allan McAskile** 250-248-9386
- DINING OUT** Convenor, **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.
Convenor, **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 to 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.

PUB NIGHT

Convenors, **Dot Johnson** 250-933-6331, or **Alan Whittall** 250-729-3108. 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.

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 or anniversary that they 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 **Dianne Tucker**, 250-758-8042.

WALKING GROUP

Convenors, **Doreen Schaefer**, 250-729-8007, and **Phil Wilson**, 250-468-9418. Walks take place each Wednesday. 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)