



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2016

Chartered 25/10/2001

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



After rather nasty rainfalls in early March, it seems that spring has finally arrived. More bugs on the windshields, the roar of lawnmowers, pollen from the trees to aggravate the allergies, and cursing the poor golf shots.

On the bright side, longer days to sit out and enjoy the morning coffee and to watch the cruise ships go by in the evening. A chance for an evening paddle in the kayaks around the bay (except I can't get out of the darn thing anymore), and more opportunity to walk along the great Nanaimo Waterfront, chat with tourists who wished they lived in this great area and go all out and have an ice cream cone.

Also, for a number of our members, we have the opportunity to enjoy the Club Spring Lunch at Fairwinds Golf Course on April 26th. Thanks to Lola Denesyk for organizing the event and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Phil Wilson
President

Thursday 28th April – 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	Janet McGregor (temporary)	250-758-6384
Webmaster/Newsletter	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

MEMBERSHIP

As of April 12th 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

MARCH 24th 2016 (last meeting)

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

APRIL 28th 2016 (next meeting)

Speaker: Umesh Lal

Our speaker in April will be Umesh Lal, the Fire Prevention Officer from the Nanaimo Fire Department; he will be talking to us about safety in the home for seniors.

Umesh Lal has been employed by Nanaimo Fire Rescue since 1999 where he started as a 911 Fire Dispatcher. Umesh held this position until January 2014, when he transferred out of the communications division to accept the position as a Fire Prevention Officer within the Fire Loss & Prevention Division of Nanaimo Fire Rescue (NFR).

From Umesh's first days on the job, he has been volunteering many days of his time for the BC Professional Firefighters Burn Fund, a charity that engages burn survivors locally, provincially and nationally. Since 2007, Umesh has been selected every year as a camp counsellor for the Burn Survivors camp that takes place in July, where over 70 children get together to enjoy a weeklong all expense paid camp.

Since 2008, Umesh has also has been elected to four consecutive terms as a member of the BC Board of Directors for the BC Professional Firefighters Burn Fund. The board oversees all programs to empower burn survivors in BC and the Yukon. Last year, Umesh was one of only 6 Canadian counsellors selected to attend the International Burn Camp in Washington DC.

Umesh is married and has two boys, and his hobbies include volleyball, badminton, hiking, travelling and sports card collecting.

MAY 26th 2016 (following meeting)

Speaker: TBA

Our speaker in May will be from the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) and will address us on property matters of interest to seniors

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

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

MAY

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

ACTIVITY NOTICES

Walking Group (Wednesdays)

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

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| April 20 | Rath Trevor Beach – meet in the main Rath Trevor parking lot |
| April 27 | Nanaimo Waterfront – meet in the upper parking lot of Maffeo Sutton Park. |
| May 4 | Bowen and Buttertubs – meet in the parking lot behind the Bowen Park Tennis Courts |
| May 11 | Linley Valley – meet at the end of Linley road off Hammond Bay Rd. |
| May 18 | Westwood Lake – meet in the Westwood Lake parking lot at the top end of Westwood Rd. |
| May 25 | Neck Point – meet in the parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd. |

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

Pub Night

Pub Night is on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month @ **6:00pm**.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| May 17th | Windward, Boundary Cres. |
| June 21st | Saltair, Chemainus Road. |
| July 19th | Black Goose, Parksville. |

Convenor: Alan Whittall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Lunch - Reminder

The Spring Lunch will be held at the Fairwinds Golf Club, Nanoose Bay on
Tuesday April 26th 2016.

12:00 (Doors open at 11:30)

Summer BBQ

This year the Summer Barbeque will again be held at the Cottonwood Golf Course. It will take place on Thursday, August 25th in place of the General Meeting. The cost is expected to be \$27 for members and \$32 for guests. Further details will follow.

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch this year will return to the Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo, and will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. More details later.

PROBUS CANADA INFORMATION

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](#).

PROBUS Canada have negotiated a Health Care/Travel Plan for PROBUS club members. Details of the plan can be found on the PROBUS national website (as above), or you access it directly [here](#).

CULTURE CORNER

As the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare is later this month, on the 23rd, we are featuring some of his more famous quotations.

“Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them.”

Twelfth Night

“Neither a borrower nor a lender be; for loan oft loses both itself and friend.”

Hamlet

“All that glisters is not gold.”

The Merchant of Venice

“If music be the food of love, play on.”

Twelfth Night

“The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.”

As You Like It

“Full fathom five thy father lies; Of his bones are coral made; those are pearls that were his eyes.”

The Tempest

“By the pricking of my thumbs, Something wicked this way comes. Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.”

Macbeth (always referred to in theatrical circles as: “*The Scottish Play*”, lest it bring misfortune upon the actors))

“My salad days, When I was green in judgment: cold in blood.”

Anthony and Cleopatra

“Cowards die many times before their deaths, The valiant never taste of death but once.”

Julius Caesar

“Love comforteth like sunshine after rain.”

Venus & Adonis

“I would challenge you to a battle of wits, but I see you are unarmed.”

Romeo and Juliet

“Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.”

The Merry Wives of Windsor

“Wisely, and slow. They stumble that run fast.”

Romeo and Juliet

“Golden lads and girls all must, as chimney-sweepers, come to dust.”

Cymbeline

“Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.”

All's Well That Ends Well

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 Quality Foods, Northridge Centre, 101-5800 Turner Rd.

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)