



**Newsletter # 203**

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**July 2011**

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Meetings are held at the Quality Bayside Inn and normally on the third Monday of the Month at 9:00 am.

This month's meeting will be held on *July 18th*.

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### **Speaker's Corner**

Our summer program will feature speakers from Parksville Probud club members. On July 18th I will give a talk on climate change from an original perspective. I will provide some interesting new material which will provide an interesting supplement to what we learned in the previous presentations. On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Judy Wood will offer us a presentation on river cruising. Anyone contemplating a holiday cruise will not want to miss what she has to say.

The British Columbia Securities Commission will provide a speaker for our September 19th meeting. Details will be provided in a later newsletter when more information is available.

Regards... *Gerry Addy*

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### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

- I was fortunate enough to be involved in two very interesting Probud tours this month. Please see my summaries in Past Events.
- At our June meeting the SOS staff put forth a request for volunteers. As we are not a charitable organization we cannot organize a roster of people to volunteer but I would like to heartily endorse the support of any of us who are willing to give four hours a month to help out this very worthwhile community organization in any way possible- through the thrift shop, as a volunteer driver, as a delivery person for meals on wheels, etc.

- The other speaker- Joyce Morrison was from Oceanside Hosts (Health Outreach Stations with Tutors for Seniors - a free program which shows seniors how to access accurate health information on the internet. Check it out on their website at [oceansidehosts.webstarts.com](http://oceansidehosts.webstarts.com).
- I am looking forward to seeing many of our members at the barbecue July 14th as I know Ralph and Gene have a great line up of food, games, contests and door prizes.
- It was a pleasure to induct two new members at the June meeting- Dick and Doreen Hampton- who have already participated in their first excursion to Nanoose Bay.
- Thanks to John Mattis for responding to my request from some of the new members for a "Who Am I"

#### Minutes- Hugh Carter

- Meeting called to order at 9 AM
- Finance – Doug Cockburn: Current Balance \$5,099.87
- Membership – David Sheppard reported a total of 113 active members.
- BBQ & Bocce – A reminder to bring a hat, sun screen, and a lawn chair.
- Attendance – 49 +4 guest speakers
- Induction – Judy presented pins and name badges and a large welcome to Doreen and Dick Hampton.
- Speakers – Andy Telfer assisted by Helen Poste and Ruth Peters on SOS, plus Joyce Morrison on related subject Assistance to Seniors for Health Information on the Web

Cheers... *Judy Wood*

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**CURRENT EVENTS**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** - Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm, Pheasant Glen Golf Club

Golf (9 holes with power cart) and dinner \$45. Dinner “only” \$20, Dinner is at 6pm. For further information contact Tony Marsland (752-1072) / marsland@shaw.ca.

*Tony Marsland*

**JUNE GENERAL MEETING**



*President Judy with new inductees:  
Dick and Doreen Hampton*



**Speakers:** Joyce Morrison (Oceanside Hosts), Gerry Addy, Helen Poste & Andy Telfer - SOS

**WHO AM I?**



I worked in the construction industry. I started out as a labourer at age 16. Then Journeyman Carpenter & Project Superintendent by 28 for one of the largest companies in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. In 1977 I set up my own company “Agar Enterprises Ltd”-offering renovations,alterations, drafting services and project supervision.In 1981 I was offered a job with the City of Winnipeg which lead to the position of Superintendent of Construction & Maintenance with the Parks & Recreation Dept. In 1995 due to a severe heart attach I was forced to retire. I enjoyed golf and we lived on a golf course so I became a Golf Club Maker and opened “Quality Golf Works”. I was a member of “The Professional Club Maker’s Society” and “ Golf Club Association”. About 10 years ago my lungs had deteriorated and I could

no longer take the Manitoba winters so we came to try the Oceanside area for the winter months. In 2007 we

made Parksville our permanent home. Janet and I celebrated 50 years in 2010. We have 3 children. Kelly in Winnipeg, Richard in Belize, and Jan in Dubai. My name is John Mattis.

### SALMON FARM TRIP - Tuesday, June 14th



*Photo courtesy of Richard Sillery*

Ten members went on this interesting tour which started at 9am at the Marine Harvest office in Campbell river. We car pooled to the Sayward North Hatchery for a one hour tour of this facility where the tiny egg eyes are raised on land in freshwater (groundwater) until they are 80 grams (about 6-8 inches). The fish are then transferred to the salmon farm by tanker truck and then a live haul boat. We travelled to the Government dock at Kelsey Bay where we had a boat ride through the channel to the Hardwicke salmon farm site. Great care is taken to ensure clean feet and before entering the boat so before entering the salmon farm you step into an agricultural disinfectant. As we entered we saw the massive bags of feed pellets. We were provided with a very hearty picnic lunch of sandwiches, cold drinks and dessert. We then walked the ramps of the farm. There were ten net pens 30 metres square and 20 metres deep holding an average of 54,000 fish of varying sizes. The fish are harvested at a size of 5 kg. and then shipped fresh to wholesalers. We were informed that the Atlantic salmon is well suited to fish farming because it is a social fish that tends to "school". The Atlantic salmon is actually a trout and is more closely related to the Rainbow trout than the Pacific salmon. We arrived back in Campbell River about 3pm.

Many members may recall Ian Roberts of Marine Harvest speaking to our group last year. At that time he said we could tour the site. Because the boat can only take 11 passengers the information about this trip only went to the management committee (present & some past), and volunteers. We have arranged with the company to do a similar trip open to all members on Tuesday, September 6th. on a first come first serve basis. If you would be interested in this trip please contact Brenda Moore asap- [besmoore@shaw.ca](mailto:besmoore@shaw.ca), 752-5931. Extra people (over 11) will be put on a waiting list. Those intending to go will need to be able to negotiate stairs & step over the edge of the boat. Because of the restricted numbers a separate activity "may" be planned for September.

*Judy Wood*

WHISTLER TRIP - Tuesday, June 14th



*On the Peak to Peak gondola - Jean, Bob, Judy, Shona, Nessie*

Nineteen people enjoyed a trip to Whistler June 28 & 29. While we did not have the beautiful blue skies we had hoped for we had a good time together. Upon arrival we checked into the beautiful Fairmont Chateau Whistler Resort. Since the weather predictions were better for the first day several of us decided to do the peak to peak experience immediately. This involves a 30 minute climb up the gondola to the peak of Whistler mountain- during which time we went through some cloud but it cleared quickly & there was reasonable visibility at the top. On the climb up it was interesting to see the adjacent bottom chair lift carrying the mountain bikers & special lifts for their bikes. A few steps from the top of the gondola is the “Peak to Peak”

gondola- which has huge cars and has set a few world records - world’s longest unsupported free span (3 km), world’s highest lift of its kind (436 metres above the valley floor), world’s longest continuous lift system. This tram traverses to the top of Blackcomb mountain where you have the choice of going down the chair (with 8 degrees at the top we decided not) or retracing your steps - well worthwhile. We then had a happy “Happy Hour” - which extended to two -in Jean’s & my room, followed by a delicious dinner in the dining room. The following



**Back:** Phyllis and Gerry Schofield, John Mattis, Bob Urquhart, Janet Mattis.  
**Front:** Doug and Marilyn Slater, Ken and Marlene Leaney.

morning some headed home, others to the mainland, some stayed another night & some, like us, checked out the olympic rings and torch and then toured the Britannia Mine Museum on the way to the ferry. Thanks to Gene Wakaruk for recommending this. It was a very worthwhile tour- during which you load into the mine cars and go into the former copper mine- which was once the largest in the British commonwealth, for an excellent mine tour, followed by a tour of the mill where the core samples are still stored. This National Historic site is the huge structure on the hill you see from the Sea to Sky highway. We then looked through the visitor centre and other historical buildings.



**Back:** Nessie Bayley, Beryl Hamilton, Lyla Redford, Jean Temple, Brenda Moore.  
**Front:** Pete Redford, Doug Hamilton, Lesley Sampson, Judy Wood, Shona Hookings



*Brittania Mine Museum*



*Before loading into the cars into the copper mine*

*Judy Wood*

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