



**Newsletter # 205**

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**September 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 *September 19th*.

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### **Speaker's Corner**

Our speaker on September 19 will be our president, Judy Wood. She has a remarkable background in all forms of travel and her numerous trips have taken her to 107 countries in every part of the world.

On this occasion Judy is going to talk to us about river cruising. From 2002 to 2010 Judy has personally taken cruises on seven major rivers. Her presentation will include her travels on the Rhine, Danube, Volga, Dnieper, Nile, Yangtze, and Mekong rivers. It is obvious she will have a wealth of useful and interesting information for us. Any Probus members planning on river travel will not want to miss her presentation. It would be an excellent time to bring guests who wish to learn more about river cruises.

Ross Peterson will be our guest speaker on October 17. Ross has outstanding experience in emergency preparedness. He has chaired many national and regional organizations and was the former Director of Emergency Management on the North Shore. His presentation will include a video of an earthquake in California in a situation where the neighbourhood was prepared for emergencies and how their preparation affected the outcome.

Regards... *Gerry Addy*

## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

- As mentioned under "Speaker's Corner" I will be the speaker at the September meeting. When I spoke about the Greece trip last November I had a few of the non-member wives say to me they "would have come had they known" so please check to see if your spouse is interested.
- Book Exchange - Alice Westaway does a great job of bringing the books to each meeting. I encourage members to look at the books, bring a book and take a book. As Alice has said- even if you forget to bring a book you can still take one. Take a moment at the break to take a look at the choices.
- Christmas Luncheon - Please mark the date of Wednesday, December 14 at Tigh Na Mara on your calendar for this annual event. We have a delicious luncheon menu and Ken Leaney has lined up some excellent entertainment. There will be more details and the menu in the October newsletter.
- Membership Renewal - For those snowbirds who will soon be leaving us, those who will miss the October and/or November meetings, or anyone who wants to pay early - this is your reminder to pay your membership for 2012 at the September meeting. Please make cheques payable to the Probus Club of Parksville. Cheques can be post-dated to Dec. 1. Remember there is no December meeting as the Christmas party replaces the meeting. Fees - Single \$30, couple \$50.
- I will be in Croatia-Slovenia Sep 23 to Oct. 10 so if you need to contact me about anything please do so before I leave.
- 2012 Management Committee - Some of the members of the management committee will not be continuing for 2012. In the next 5 weeks we will be attempting to line up the new executive. If you are willing to serve in some capacity or have a suggestion of a member whom you think might be willing please contact [judy.wood@shaw.ca](mailto:judy.wood@shaw.ca). or another executive member. Our annual general meeting and election of officers will be held at the November meeting.

Cheers... *Judy Wood*

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### **2011 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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<b>Barbecue</b>	Ralph Bunker	250-752-0322	rbunk@shaw.ca
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	Tony Marsland	250-752-1072	marsland@shaw.ca
<b>Christmas Party</b>	Ken Leaney	250-752-2192	leaney@shaw.ca
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### **MINUTES OF AUGUST 15 MEETING** - Andy Pickard

In the absence of President Judy Wood, Andy Pickard chaired the meeting.

- Attendance: 48 members, 2 guests and 2 speakers.
- Membership: 113 members plus Don & Jan Walker, who have not been inducted yet.
- Financial: current bank balance: \$4,219.74.
- Social: Brenda discussed the upcoming events: Sept. 6 fish farm visit; Sept. 21 Cowichan Bay Maritime Centre; October 1 Chemainus Theatre matinee.
- Annual golf tournament and dinner on August 26.
- Speakers: Jerry – Judy will give her presentation on river cruising in September.

Since the arranged speakers had not arrived at the appointed time, Doug Cockburn gave a brief presentation on St. Stephen's weekly lunch programme and social outreach activities, and Helen Shaw began a brief and engaging description of learning disabilities (we'll have to invite her to speak more on this topic another time). Martin Nichols and Bob Abrams of the BC Securities Commission gave a slightly abridged presentation on the role of the Securities Commission and described some common financial scams.

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### **CURRENT EVENTS**

#### **COWICHAN BAY MARITIME CENTRE** - Wednesday, September 21

As advised in the August Newsletter we plan to visit Cowichan Bay to tour the Maritime Centre which features the Wooden Boat Museum at 1761 Cowichan Bay Road. We will meet there at 10.30 a.m. for a tour at 11 a.m. There might be a bit of a parking problem, so I am encouraging people to car pool. Therefore we will meet at Wembley Mall at 9 a.m. near where the old Ken-Dor garden centre used to be.

After the visit to the Wooden Boat Museum we will eat at the Terrain Regional Kitchen at 1681 Cowichan Bay Road, which is about a five minute walk from the Museum.

As there are already thirteen people signed up for this trip I will need to know who is joining us for lunch, and will pass a sign up sheet around at the next meeting on Sept 19th. If you will not be at this meeting please phone me, 752-5931, or e-mail [besmoore@shaw.ca](mailto:besmoore@shaw.ca), so I can make the necessary reservation.

After lunch we plan to drive to the Kinsol Trestle - I shall have more information and directions at our next meeting.

### **CHEMAINUS THEATRE** - Saturday, October 1

Eleven people have paid for this outing and I have reserved the tickets. If you would like to join us please purchase your own tickets, and remember there is a two for one coupon in the Island Living Book.

We plan on going to the Mt. Brenton Golf Course for lunch before the performance. Here again I shall pass a sign up sheet around so I can make a group reservation. As the show starts at 2 p.m. in Chemainus I suggest we meet at 11.30 a.m. at the Mt Brenton Golf Course. If you are unable to be at the Sept meeting please phone me, 752-5931, or e-mail me at [besmoore@shaw.ca](mailto:besmoore@shaw.ca) if you plan to be at the lunch.

*Brenda Moore*

### **PAST EVENTS**

#### **GOLF TOURNAMENT** - Friday, August 26 - 3pm, Pheasant Glen Golf Club

Twenty six golfers and an additional 11 dinner guests enjoyed a beautiful Friday afternoon August 26 at Pheasant Glen Golf course for the annual Probus golf tournament. This marked the first time the tournament was held at that course, but not likely the last since the course was in excellent shape, they provided a great meal and everyone enjoyed the happy hour on the deck overlooking the beautiful scene -with the mountains in the background behind the green of the course. The golfers all used the included power carts since the day was a scorcher. Many thanks are due to Tony Marsland for an excellent organizational job, as well as his assistants Sara Smith and Pat Meadus who did a great job of lining up the many prizes. This scramble fun tournament is low key as far as "winning" with both the winning &



**Organizers Tony Marsland & Sara Smith**



**Winners**

"most honest" teams receiving the same prize - a seafood product, while the long drive and closest to the pin winners got a sleeve of balls. There were 5 bottles of wine (donated from the barbecue) given to the "diners only" while Sara & Pat had rounded up 18 draw prizes for the golfers ranging from 2 for 1 golf passes to restaurant gift



certificates. In addition each golfer received a 2 for 1 to Morningstar.

The overall winning team was Ed Barr, Marlene Wakaruk, Arlene Shaw & Marg Kreye, closing with an impressive 3 on hole #9. They were closely followed one stroke behind by four teams. The most honest team was Jeanne Bunker, Mac Forbes, Eloise Morrison and Angela Miller. Ladies KP winner was Marlene Wakaruk, closest to the 150 marker were Eloise Morrison and Pete Redford. Nessie Bayley had donated a new golf bag which at auction went to Jeanne Bunker.

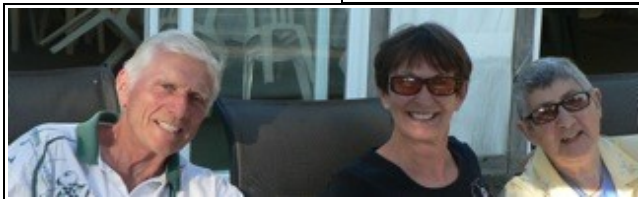


**KP & Long Drive Winners**



**"Most honest golfers" on the course**





*Judy Wood*

SALMON FARM EXCURSION - Sept 6



**Front l to r:** Bill Stoddart, host Ian Roberts from Marine Harvest, Janet Mattis, Lyla & Pete Redford, Wilf Poole.  
**Rear:** Ralph Bunker & two Marine Harvest employees who filled in when there were some last minute cancellations of Probus members.



*Photos Courtesy of Jeanne Bunker*

## WHO AM I?



I was born in Vancouver where my father had come to find work during the war. We eventually moved back to Winnipeg, then Calgary where I spent my younger years. As a teenager I moved to Winnipeg and it was there I took my schooling, played my Junior Hockey (St. Boniface Canadiens), as well as tackling a little football and lacrosse. Realizing that hockey was not going to provide a living I joined the ranks of C.P. Rail following in the footsteps of a grandfather, father, and uncle. After serving an apprenticeship I was fortunate to be promoted to the supervisory ranks and my travel adventure began. I met my wife of some 49 years who joined me as we experienced some 13 towns and cities across Canada; had two beautiful children – a son who now is a budding entrepreneur and businessman in Winnipeg, and a daughter who shares a home in Victoria with her husband and our three granddaughters. After 37+ years with the railway I was fortunate to be able to retire at a young age. We moved to Qualicum Beach almost 18 years ago and continue to enjoy one of the finest places in Canada to live. I am WAYNE STEWART.



I was a born and bred Winnipeg girl until meeting my husband – the railway man. We enjoyed many moves across Canada, many to small towns and yes a few to big cities as well. We raised two great children during these relocations and they both say it was the moving that made them what they are today. I totally agree – moving and meeting new friends certainly does bring a person along and builds confidence. I did enjoy a kind of part-time career as an Executive Secretary in various locations, even did some teaching in small towns where teachers were scarce. I've always enjoyed sewing and most recently quilting has become my passion and I guess you could say golf now fills a lot of my days. My railway man retired and brought me to Qualicum Beach some 18 years ago and we have since enjoyed travel to many countries and cruises around the world. As we prepare to celebrate 49 years together we leave on yet another cruise, this time to New England and Canada. ---- I am JOAN STEWART.

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