



**Newsletter # 178**

**May 2009**

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Meetings are held at the Bayside Inn and normally on the third Monday of the Month at 9:00 am.  
However, this month's meeting will be held on the fourth Monday, *May 25th*.

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### [Speaker's Corner](#)

Our speaker on May 25 is Dr. Martin Spencer whose topic is *SEVA; A SOLUTION IN SIGHT*. There is an intended pun in the word "SIGHT" *Marty Spencer is a local ophthalmologist with wide international recognition. He is a driving force in SEVA (pronounced say-va) and a leading authority on cataracts and cataract removal. He will tell us how SEVA is saving eyes, restoring sight to many people in far away lands. How fortunate we are in Oceanside to have in our community such a dedicated doctor of international fame.*

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### **Presidents Message**

*Many thanks, once more, to Judy and her team for our latest outing - the visit to the Comox Air Base to see the fabulous SNOW BIRDS and have lunch in the Mess after the show. A thoroughly enjoyable experience.*

*Your Management Committee has adopted a detailed plan, with many initiatives, to build up our membership total. We'll keep you posted from time to time, and it would be most helpful if each member **YES YOU** would do all you can to encourage friends and neighbours to join the club.*

*We are losing a valuable member, BOB MARTIN who is moving away from Oceanside. As you know, he has been responsible for lining up speakers for our monthly meeting. We will have to find a replacement for Bob's job of Speaker Coordinator, but in the meantime be reassured - Bob and his team have already arranged for the next two speakers. Thanks, Bob, for handing over your responsibility in good order, and we wish you and your family all the very best.*

*Hugh Carter*

## 2008 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

|                 |                         |               |                |                                 |          |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| President       | - Hugh Carter           | 752-4664      | Historian      | - Gloria Stevenson              | 752-3136 |
| Vice President  | - Andy Pickard          | 752-3364      | Sunshine       | - Alice Westaway                | 752-3701 |
| Past President  | - Dave Grant            | 954-0623      | Secretary      | - Jean Cotter                   |          |
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| Treasurer       | - Barry McGill          | 752-2978      | Newsletter     | - Mike Bluett                   | 951-0618 |
| Speakers        | -                       |               | Singles Club   | - Jim Thompson                  | 752-8462 |
| Membership      | - David Sheppard        | 752-3625      | Greeters       | - Peter Redford & Jack Greenway |          |
| Activities      | - Judy Wood (752-6809), | Brenda Moore, | Jim Thompson   |                                 |          |

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### Events Calendar

#### CURRENT EVENTS

#### LUND HOTEL-DESOLATION SOUND CRUISE – *Tues., June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wed. June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Please arrange your own car pool from the following list. The following people have reserved for this excursion- Judy Wood & Alice Westaway, Marilyn & Doug Slater, Bob Urquhart & Jim Thompson, Fred Collins & Woody Woodstock, Jeanne & Ralph Bunker, Gloria Stevenson & Angela Miller, Pete & Lyla Redford, Beryl & Doug Hamilton, George & Helen Shaw. The foregoing people are also going to Savary Island June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The following are going to Lund but not Savary- Hugh & Nonie Carter, Wilf & Trudy Poole, Andy & Charlene Pickard, Ludwig & Maureen Weilmeier, Nessie Bayley.

We plan to catch a 10:10am ferry from Comox. BC ferries recommends being there one hour prior (although the ferry takes 192 cars.?) Parking costs \$4 a day (Robbins 250-382-4411) for those planning to leave their car. There is a cafeteria on board & the crossing time is 1 hour, 20 minutes. Plan on having lunch (on the ferry, bring it , in Powell River or at the hotel) prior to leaving on the cruise at 1:30pm. The cruise will end at 7:30pm.

Savary Island - the Island is 6 miles long by road and about 1/2 mile wide on average and surrounded by beautiful sandy beaches. By prior arrangement, the water taxi leaves Lund on the hour and returns on the half hour (with enough passengers) and the trip takes 15 minutes. I will book the water taxi (\$10 each way) to leave Lund at 10 am and I will give them the numbers as listed above. If anyone changes their mind about going/not going please let me know by May 20<sup>th</sup>. We plan to leave Savary at 2:30pm or 3:30pm in order to catch the 5:15pm ferry from Powell River back to Comox. On Savary those interested can get a land taxi (crew cab which holds 6) to the furthest point on the Island (Indian Point) This costs \$30 (i.e., \$5 each with 6 people) one direction. There is a lovely beach at Indian Point and after exploring it, some of us plan to walk the Sunset trail (about 20-30 minutes) to the meadow where we will arrange for a pick up (\$26 or about \$4.50 each with 6 people). Others may wish to explore the beach at Indian Point and arrange a pick up there. There is a pub near the dock where we land which is not officially open at that time but the proprietor will open for us a courtesy AS LONG AS people purchase a drink (beer, soft drink, tea, coffee) This would be the only place for a washroom. She is not prepared to serve lunch so those going to Savary should bring a lunch (as well as take a water bottle). I need to book the land taxi for those interested on May 20<sup>th</sup> so if this interests you please let me know asap. Please make sure that all people in your car are agreed on going/not going to Savary & the return ferry time.

#### FAIRBURN FARM- WATER BUFFALO TOUR & LUNCH - *Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10am*

This farm contains North Americas only herd of genuine water buffalo. The 90 minute tour (\$8) includes a snack with buffalo mozzarella. We will then drive to Maple Bay to have lunch at the Genoa Bay Cafe. Deadline - June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your cheque to the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those planning to car pool should meet near the real estate office at Wembley Mall at 8:45am. The following 21 people signed up at the April meeting - Judy Wood,

Bob Urquhart, Ken Leaney, Lorne Anderson, Gordon Robinson (are any of your wives coming?) Gene & Marlene Wakaruk, George & Helen Shaw, Gloria Stevenson, Pete & Lyla Redford, Fred Collins, Nessie Bayley, Mac & Merle Taylor, Beryl & Doug Hamilton, Hazel & Jack Greenway, Alice Westaway.

Circulating the sign up sheets at meetings

Please, Please keep the sign up sheets moving along from table to table at the meetings. At the past two meetings I have had people signal to me that the sheet has not come to their table - it seems to get stuck at some tables. If you notice the sign up sheet at your table please ask if everyone has seen it & then pass it along. I would appreciate this very much – Thank you, Judy.

*Judy Wood*

**14th ANNUAL PROBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT** - *Friday, August 28, 2008*

QUALICUM BEACH MEMORIAL GOLF CLUB. First Tee time – 2:30pm. 9-Holes – Scramble. Dinner – 6:00 pm (approx.). Cost about \$50 for golf and dinner.

*Tony Marsland*

**PAST EVENTS**



**SNOWBIRDS PRACTICE**

On Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> fifty-seven people traveled to Comox to see a spectacular performance of the nine-plane Snowbirds Aerobatic Team in their CT-114 tutor jets. After passing the security gate and parking we were escorted to the tarmac. After settling into our lawn chairs and blankets (the day was sunny but very windy) we saw the pilots "walk out" to their aircrafts. The performances this year are to celebrate 100 years of powered flight in Canada and are the 39th season of the Snowbirds. The team practices in Comox for 3 weeks in April every two years. My grand-

son Sean (visiting from Edmonton) was asked by the Public Relations officer if he would like to give the "Snowbirds, start em up" signal- what a thrill for him.

What followed was a 45 minute demonstration of skill and teamwork in performing a series of tricky maneuvers - star bursts, maple leafs, single and double upright and inverted passes and many more. After the show the snowbirds were available to talk to anyone interested as well as pose for pictures. An unexpected bonus (even the P.R. officer for the Snowbirds was not aware of it) was that the CF-18 did its practice show afterward- with more stunning moves (and lots of noise). We then headed to the all ranks mess for our cafeteria style hearty lunch. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Stan Harry for suggesting this excursion.





*Judy Wood*

**PARKSVILLE PROBUS 2009 B.B.Q. & BOCCE**

**DATE:** JULY 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**PLACE:** Rotary Park, Qualicum Beach

**TIME:** Starts at 2:00 P.M.

**COST:** \$25.00 Per Person  
(includes 2 Free Drinks)

**CHEF:** Harvey of D & H Catering

**EQUIPMENT: PLEASE BRING YOU OWN CHAIRS**

(Don't Forget, Tie a String on your finger)

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NAME.....

GUESTS.....

TOTAL.....

PHONE NUMBER.....

**NOTE: MAKE CHEQUES (ONLY) PAYABLE TO: PROBUS CLUB OF  
PARKSVILLE. PLEASE BRING TO MEETINGS OF  
MAY 25, 2009 OR JUNE 15, 2009 - GIVE CHEQUES  
TO RALPH BUNKER (250-752-0322)**