



Newsletter # 195

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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 *October 18th*.

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### **Speaker's Corner**

It is with a high degree of disappointment and displeasure that I have been advised by Alexandra Morton she will be unable to speak to us as the third speaker in our "Salmon Series". We have advertised this event on our website and in our Newsletter to be held at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Since February 24<sup>th</sup> we have had a clear commitment from Morton and I know our members were excited that they would be able to listen to her points of view particularly after hearing from Ian Roberts of Marine Harvest. It is therefore with regret that I must advise she has canceled. Her reason for canceling was that she would be "up the Fraser" on October 18<sup>th</sup> and that she would be simply unavailable on an alternative date I proposed to her (November 15<sup>th</sup>). Dave Clough, who missed speaking to us at our last meeting due to a misunderstanding over the timing of the meeting, has agreed to speak to us on October 18<sup>th</sup>. An outline of his presentation was given in last month's newsletter and is repeated here.....

Dave Clough will present a talk entitled "*Salmon Stream Habitat Restoration with Community Involvement*".

Dave Clough RP Bio is a fisheries biologist (UBC 1980), who has worked on Vancouver Island for the last 30 years. He has worked for both Federal and Provincial Fisheries departments, and runs his own biological consulting company. His area of interest is in stream inventory, habitat restoration and salmon enhancement. He has worked from Victoria to Port Hardy with non-government community groups on stream inventory and restoration projects.

While Dave works on many enhancement projects most of his current work is with the Mid Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society ([mvihes.bc.ca](http://mvihes.bc.ca)) and the Englishman River Watershed Recovery

Plan. Dave was instrumental in the formation of Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers and is active in stream mapping assessments and restoration of watercourses through the region. Dave recently won a national award for his exemplary work enhancing salmon habitat on Vancouver Island, training Streamkeepers and helping develop curricula to promote solid ecological stewardship. We look forward to him sharing his knowledge with us and to him helping us become more informed on this subject which is so important to us here on the West Coast and on Vancouver Island in particular.

Regards... *John Gunton*

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## **Presidents Message**

Dear Fellow Members –

To those of you who attended our September monthly meeting, and the Annual General Meeting – thank you for being so gracious when our speaker didn't show up, and we had to improvise. My thanks to Pat Gunton for giving an impromptu description of 'hospitalists' – fully trained doctors who practice in Nanaimo Regional General Hospital providing medical services to many patients whose own family doctors no longer have 'hospital privileges'. Apparently this is becoming more common, not only because the Nanaimo hospital is some distance from Oceanside, so it would take doctors considerable time to go to the hospital to see one of their patients, but changes in BC's payment scheme for general practitioners to provide services to patients in hospitals just make it too punishing for GP's to maintain hospital privileges and attend to their patients. So 'hospitalists' provide this service to their patients.

Following Pat's presentation, I gave a brief update on the renewable fuels mandate in British Columbia. At the time of our September meeting, I didn't know what practices various companies were following with regard to using ethanol in gasoline on Vancouver Island. But earlier this week I bumped into an old colleague who is still involved in fuels distribution, and he brought me up-to-date. All companies selling gasoline in B.C. now need to sell 5% of their total gasoline sales as renewable fuels. Most companies are selling gasoline with 10% ethanol in regular grade gasoline in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland, and thanks to the high volume of gasoline sales in that market, that practice allows them to meet their mandated requirements province-wide, so most companies are still selling normal, conventional gasoline on Vancouver Island (and many other parts of rural B.C.). Apparently only one company, which has made a marketing practice of selling ethanol-blended fuels for many years, is actually selling ethanol-blended gasoline on the Island. So now you know!

By the way – our scheduled speaker had every intention of speaking to us on Sept. 20th – but he had misunderstood the time, and thought it was at 8:30 PM, not AM. It just shows how a simple little detail can confound "the best laid plans o' mice & men".

I look forward to seeing all of you, with guests, at our next meeting on October 18th.

Best wishes... *Andy Pickard*

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## PAST EVENTS

### SALTSPRING ISLAND ADVENTURE



12 Probus members enjoyed a very pleasant trip to Saltspring Sept. 10 & 11. By arriving a little early there was no problem getting on the 20 minute ferry between Crofton & Vesuvius. Our car load headed for Ruckle Park after a brief stop in Ganges. We had our picnic lunch there and looked at the beach and hiked a few of the trails- with great views of the water and the busy ferry traffic. Lovely arbutus trees, as well as attractive pastoral scenes all

around the island with sheep in green fields. We stopped at Saltspring Cheese Farm for a tasting & then checked into our resort- the Saltspring Spa & Resort. We were lucky to be given the large 3 bedroom unit at no extra cost which was where we had our happy hour. We then ordered supper delivered - which was very good- the lamb burgers being a



popular choice. Later in the evening our group of 4 got into the huge red tub and for an hour enjoyed a soak with the jets feeding the mineral water in- which stirred up the suds greatly. Saturday morning dawned with a blue sky & everyone headed to the market in Ganges which had about 100 vendors with many unique crafts. After a tasty lunch at the Saltspring Inn we watched the colorful gay pride parade and then headed home.





*Brenda, Alice, Judy & Leslie on the beach*



*L to R back: Brenda Moore, Bernard Atkinson, Doug Hamilton, Pete & Lyla Redford, Alice Westaway Front: June Atkinson, Beryl Hamilton, Nessie Bayley, Judy Wood, Leslie Sampson, Shona Hookings*

*After happy hour and dinner*

*Judy Wood*