

Newsletter # 194

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September 2010

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 20th*.

Speaker's Corner

Well it looks like we have picked a very topical subject with all the discussion lately over the wild fishery. Now we have a record Fraser River Sockeye run and Alexandra Morton defending her position on the adverse effects of salmon farming. (Alexandra Morton will be speaking to us in October). The Cohen Commission is in full swing. Last month Ian Roberts gave a very well illustrated and clear presentation on the subject from a salmon farmer's perspective. Unfortunately our attendance numbers were a record low for the year which is most disappointing given the trouble the speakers go to in coming to our meetings to inform us. I suppose we can point to the time of year and I am wondering whether or not we should continue to have monthly meetings through the summer. With the Golf Tournament and the Bocce Tournament perhaps there are enough club activities for our members during the summer. I intend to raise the subject with the Management Committee at our next meeting. You can email me at geogunton@shaw.ca if you have an opinion.

On September 20th we continue with the second speaker in our three part series "Fishing Expedition"!

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) 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.

This is a busy time of year for Dave and we certainly appreciate the time he is taking to come and speak to us. I hope we will have a good attendance to appreciate his efforts.

I look forward to seeing everyone on September 20th and don't forget to bring a friend.

Regards... *John Gunton*

Presidents Message

Good day, fellow PROBUSIANS – I trust you have enjoyed our fine summer?!! I hope you will make a special effort to come out to our September meeting on the 20th – both to hear our ‘salmon’ speaker arranged by John Gunton, and to participate in our Annual General Meeting to vote on next year’s management committee. While PROBUS is strictly a social club, and not a service club like Rotary, Lions or Shriners, there is a definite element of service required to run the club. A considerable amount of effort is required to organize a trip or excursion, or event such as our barbecue, golf tournament or Christmas luncheon. And since you were all in business or a profession at one time, we know you are all capable of organizing such activities. So please make a contribution to our Club by helping out with one or two activities each year – so we can all enjoy our social activities and not burn-out a few people. And if some of you think you are too old (shudder) to take an active role, I’ll give you an ‘out’ – bring in some new, younger members to join our Club and take an active role in an activity or two. [This is a not-so-subtle nudge to follow up on our Past-President Hugh Carter’s push last year to expand our Club membership!]

And just a reminder to any of you who have visited somewhere on or around Vancouver Island and really enjoyed it – let Judy Wood or one of her ‘social colleagues’ know about a possible location for an outing. Is there a particular lodge or resort on the West Coast that does a fine job for ‘storm watching’ in the winter? Have you been on a vessel for a trip up our fantastic coast that could be chartered by our Club for a summer excursion next year?

I look forward to seeing you on Sept. 20th.

Best wishes... *Andy Pickard*

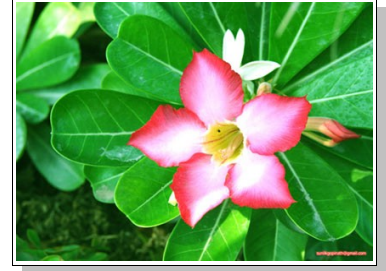
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Sunshine Club

A card was sent to Doug Slater to let him know we are thinking of him and wishing him well.

Alice Westaway



CURRENT EVENTS

NANAIMO THEATRE GROUP - Sunday, October 3rd

The Bailey Studio - presents THE UNDERPANTS by Steve Martin matinee at 2.00 p.m.

A witty comedy set in Europe in 1910 about a housewife who becomes an overnight celebrity when she accidentally loses her underpants in public.

Tickets \$16.

Please reserve and pay by the next Probus meeting on Monday Sept 20th, 2010, as this is the only matinee and is liable to be in much demand. Alternatively your cheque can be left at Judy Wood's home 1091 Eaglecrest Dr. up until SEPT 15th. After that please phone or e-mail me -- 752-5931 -- besmoore@shaw.ca.

We plan to go to the Longwood Brew Pub first for lunch and I shall need to reserve tables.

Brenda Moore

PAST EVENTS

PROBUS GOLF & DINNER – August 27th

Twenty Probus members participated in the annual golf tournament. There were two teams who finished with the same score of 31, and the prize was awarded to Jack Parson, Bob Steele, Judy Wood, and Mac Forbes, while Tony Marsland, Margaret Robinson, Margaret Norris-Jones and Arlene Shaw were the runners up.

The remaining three teams finished very close with only 2 points separating them from the winners!

KP prizes were awarded to Angelia Miller and Brenda Moore, and Jim Thompson and Tony Marsland.

Ten non-golfers joined the group for dinner. Door Prizes were won by Meg Dewar, Gordon Robinson, Angela Miller and Alice Westaway.

Your organizing committee, Jim Thompson, Tony Marsland and Brenda Moore apologize for no photos to record the event!

Brenda Moore

