



The next Probus Meeting
Will take place on Thursday,
September 16th, 2021

At 10:00 am,
via Zoom.

The Invitation & Link will be sent a day or two before the meeting, by email.

PLEASE NOTE!

Our invited speaker is;

Leanne Koehn

Topic:

Recycling and the Environmental aspects of Waste



Probus Club of Maple Ridge

President's Message and Program



Sam Lewindon, President

A field Trip this Month? Yes, and it's at Maple Ridge Museum

With the BC Restart Plan's Phase 3 now in effect, and with it the easing of restrictions, we will **not** be holding a **Zoom Membership meeting this month**, but instead, we will hold a **Field Trip to Maple Ridge Museum**, on **Wednesday August 4th, at 10am!** To effectively manage the tour, please confirm your planned attendance at this event by signing up now - just let us know you will be coming: samlewindon@gmail.com

With concerns over the unknown level of pandemic variants active later this year, the question has been asked, "**What will we do for our meetings in the Fall?**"

The Guest Speakers will most likely want to continue using Zoom for their presentations, and many of our members may not be ready to attend in-person meetings yet, so with this in mind, we will continue conducting our **monthly membership meetings using Zoom**, for the balance of this year anyway.

Your support of our **Special Interest Groups** now becomes more important than ever in maintaining the in-person contact between members. These various small group activities represent the heartbeat of our club. New SIG's are being formed; the **Cycling Group** is up and running, or perhaps, pedaling; also a **Bridge Group**, and a **Golf Group** are now in place too. Check page 8 for contact information. We may even start a Wine SIG! If you are interested in joining any of these groups, or if you see a need for other groups, please let a Management Committee member know.

Breathe the sweetness that hovers in August. Denise Levertov



Speaker's Notes:

By Marie Slessor

Laurie introduced our speaker, **Karla Laird**, from the Better Business Bureau (BBB) who is their Senior Manager for Media and Communications. She will be speaking to us about fraud prevention.

Karla said the BBB is a non-profit organization that has been serving BC for 81 years, and whose mission is to advance market place trust. She told us about a great resource on their website called Scam Tracker, which helps people search for scams as well as report them, even if they are not a victim. The map allows you to narrow reports right down to your local area. She invited us to make good use of it since by sharing scams we help people avoid them.

Karla listed the top 10 scams currently going around, most of them concerning money. She said the world of online purchases is the Wild West of the Internet, and that 75% of shoppers fall victim to a scam. One third of scam reports are related to online purchases, especially pet purchases during Covid, where the average amount lost was \$750. She cautioned us to avoid paying for anything with debit cards or gift cards, you are safer to use a credit card.

Karla then went on to give us 10 important tips to avoid scams.

Never send money to someone you have never met face to face.

Don't click on unsolicited email links or attachments.

Beware of what you see – scammers mimic official seals, fonts and logos, especially Amazon, Apple and Walmart.

Don't buy anything online unless the transaction is secure. Addresses starting with http: rather than https: are not secure.

Be cautious when dealing with someone you've met online – scammers use fake profiles that don't even exist.

Never share personal ID with an unsolicited contact.

Don't be pressured to act immediately – leave time to think it over. Home improvement scams frequently use this tactic.

Use secure traceable transactions when making payment for goods, no gift cards or cryptocurrencies.

Whenever possible, work with businesses that use proper id, licences and insurance.

Be very cautious about what you share on social media.

Karla also cautioned us to be careful with our passwords, she said they are like underwear – you should change them frequently, keep them private, and never share with anyone.

A brief question period followed, mostly concerning credit cards and a discussion of cell phone trackers.

Sam thanked Karla for this excellent presentation, and for keeping us all safer.

Oh, Deer!

In 1974, newly divorced and on my own again after 12 years, I bought for myself a brand new Yamaha motorcycle. As I had no experience with bikes, I completed the safety course for motor-cyclists, which probably saved my life many times.

My first road trip on my motorcycle was to travel to San Francisco to visit a friend who lived there. I rode from Maple Ridge to near Astoria, Oregon and camped overnight there. The next morning, at 6 a.m., I headed South on Highway 101.

The road was dry, the air fresh and clean, and I was enjoying the freedom of riding the winding highway with no other traffic to contend with. As I swooped through a long right-curved section, I saw ahead of me a fully grown adult buck deer. He was standing in the middle of the highway, straddling the white line, looking directly at me as I approached at about 90 kilometres per hour.

My mind whirled: which way would the deer jump, in front of me, or back the way he had come? Should I steer left or right?

If he jumped in front of me, and I were to hit him at speed, we could both be injured or killed. On the curved road, I was already leaning the bike, hard braking could cause a serious spill.

I took my hand off the throttle and aimed straight at the deer. At the last possible second, he leaped straight ahead to my right and I passed him still going over 80 kilometres per hour!

A short way further down the road, I stopped my bike, got off, and walked until my legs stopped shaking...

By the way, I completed my journey to San Francisco without any further problems, but that deer has been a scary memory for me ever since that day!

Skip Johnson

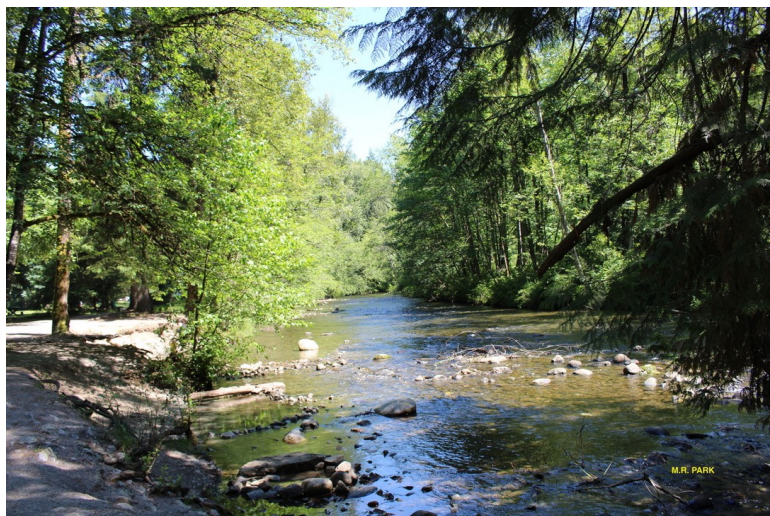
Lakes, Rivers and Waterfalls



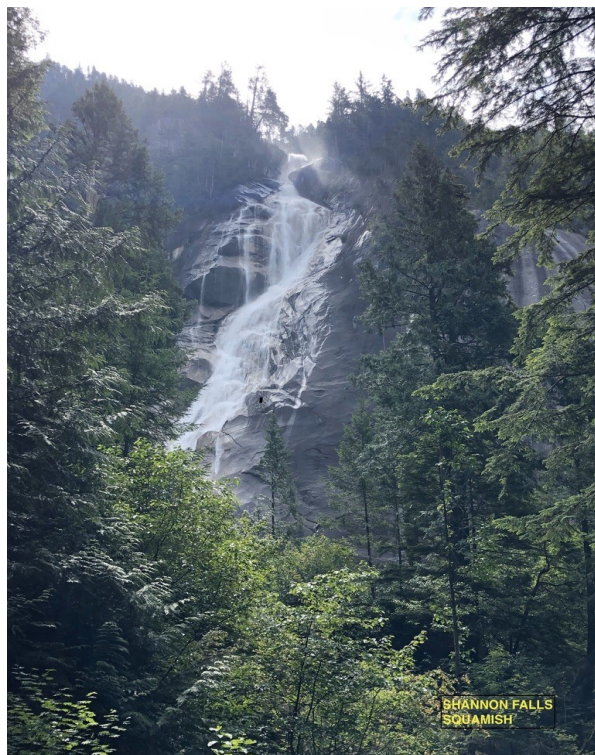
North Alouette River *by Sam Lewindon*



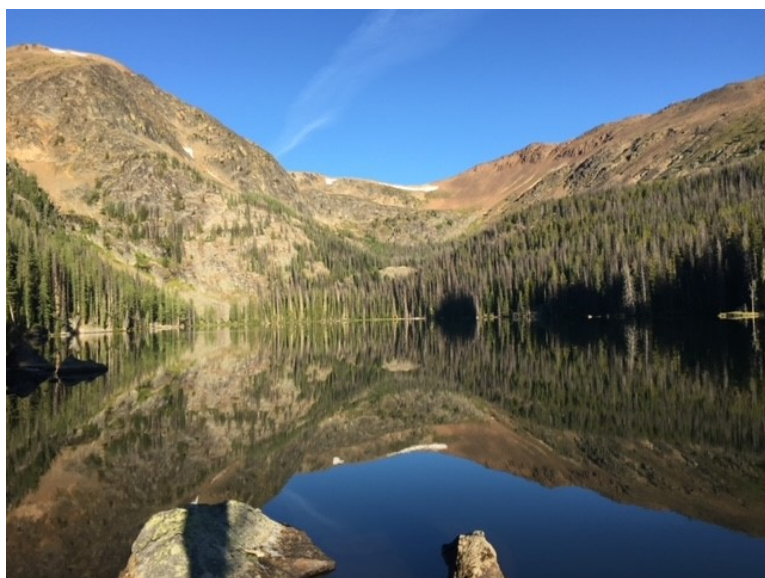
Vandusen waterfall *by Bob Grist*



Maple Ridge Park *by Jean Crysler*



Shannon Falls *by George Crysler*



Quinescoe Lake *by Laurie Freebairn*

Member Happenings



Photo by Celia Jensen

Article from **Maple Ridge News**, July 15th 2021

Maple Ridge Probus club had an outdoor, in-person picnic this week, first time since COVID.

Probus, the social club for retired and semi-retired people that provides regular gatherings for those who want to meet others with similar interests, held its first in-person gathering earlier this week, after the COVID restrictions began last year. Club president Sam Lewindon told *The News* that the picnic was a success.

“The experience of actually meeting in person, after 16 months of virtual meetings, was a delight in itself; regardless of the setting, which was in the open air and at a wonderful riverside venue. Judging by the continued conversations, it was good just to get out of the house!” he said.

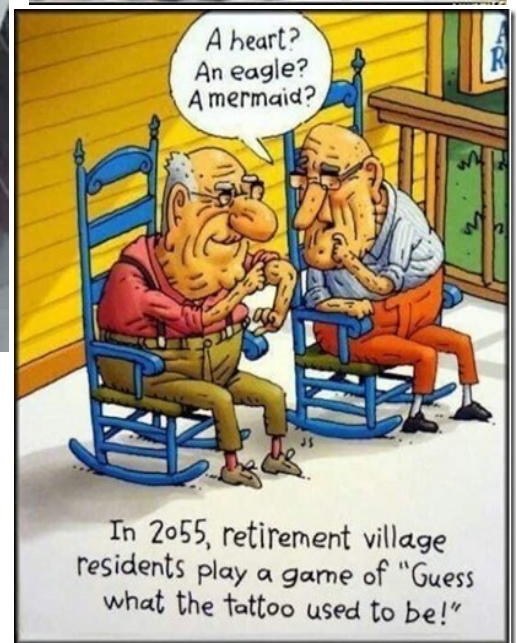
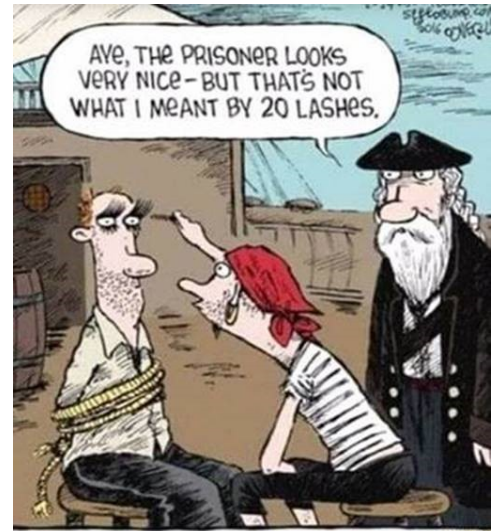
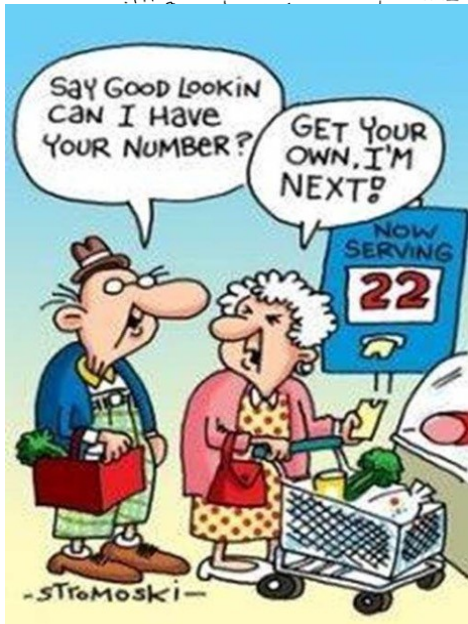
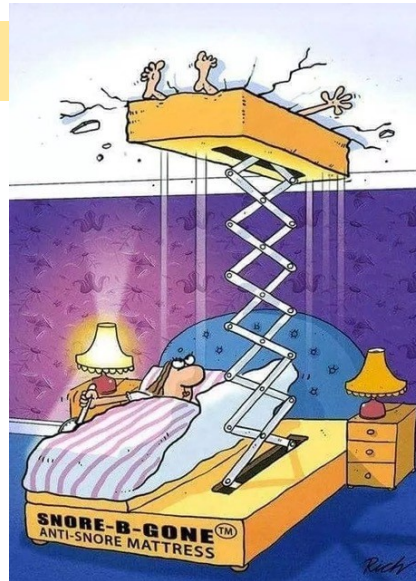
“The 19, out of the club’s 45 members who were able to make the event, shows that our members are still busy people!” Lewindon added. The picnic, which was presented as “picnic in the park”, followed the bring-your-own concept, with each person providing their own food and beverage to be COVID-safe. The club later held a trivia quiz once the feast was over, and “used the quiz as a digestive.”

“The activity was such a success that the club has organized a field trip to the Maple Ridge Museum, for Aug. 4, at 10 a.m. This is to be followed by a Winery tour, in Langley, in September,” said Lewindon.

The club will see a return to virtual membership meetings this Fall, as many guest speakers preferred to use the Zoom platform for their presentations, he said. These meetings are expected to resume in September, on the third Thursday of each month.

By Priyanka Ketkar, Journalist, Maple Ridge News

Monthly Mirth



**Geology rocks,
but Geography
is where it's at!**



Messages, Notices and Information

The Maple Ridge Music Society

Invites you to a cheerful evening of music on Saturday August 21st, 6,46 pm, in the field of "Westacres".

"OnetooTrio and Friends", A professional brass group, presents a lighthearted program.
Bring your own lawn chair. Afterwards, there will be refreshments.

Admission \$30 p.p.

For a reservation please call **Josine at 604 467-3162**

Probus August "Field Trip"

Maple Ridge Museum

Wednesday, August 4th

At 10am

Through the Lens

The **Photo Theme** for September is:

'Buildings, Structures and Bridges'

Origin of the Phrase:

Let the cat out of the bag:
"To reveal a secret."

Up to, and including in the 1700s, a common street fraud included replacing valuable pigs with less valuable cats when selling them in sackcloth bags. When a cat was let out of a bag, the jig was up.

Special Interest Groups:

Book Club: *Convenor, Bob Grist*

Meets 1:30pm, second Tuesday, monthly

Crafts: *Convenor, tba*

Computer/Photography: *Convenor: Sam Lewindon*

Meets, 10am, last Wednesday, monthly.

Dining: *Convenor: Marie Slessor*

Meets 6pm, second Thursday, monthly

Walking: *Convenor: Carla Reed*

Contact ; carlar2@telus.net.

Lunch: *Convenor. Aline Drew*

Meets, noon, third Thursday, monthly

Cycling: *Convenor, Kathy Pierce*

Contact: prairiegirl60@gmail.com

Golf: *Convenor, Rick Howard*

Contact: rickhoward@shaw.ca

Bridge: *Convenor, Kathleen Spiess*

I had my patience tested.

I am negative!

"Groaner" of the Month:

**When life gives you melons,
you're dyslexic**