



Our next Probus General Meeting

Will take place on Thursday,

October 20th, 2022

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;

Stan Proboszcz

Topic:

Watershed Watch Salmon Society



Probus Club of Maple Ridge

President's Message and Program



Sam Lewindon, President

October is
'Probus Month'.

Probus Meeting, Program

October 20th, 2022

9:40	Sign -in
10:00	Welcome
10:05	Introduction of Guest Speaker
10:10	Guest Speaker
10:40	Q & A
10:55	Thank you
11:00	Club speaker
11:20	Club business
11:45	Meeting closes

Probus Canada has declared the month of October as "Probus Month" to tie-in with International Seniors' Day. To celebrate this event, we recommend sharing the latest copy of our newsletter with a friend and taking the opportunity to invite them to accompany you to the Coffee Morning, or to the General Meeting, and perhaps even to experience the "Probus Spirit" by joining you at one of our Special Interest Group activities! See page 7 for details.

Our monthly General Meetings are continuing with the assistance of Zoom - this enables us to connect with an array of Guest Speakers who regularly provide us with stimulating presentations on a variety of topics of interest. This platform also allows for the safe and easy connections with members and Guests. Our various Special Interest Groups provide the face to face contact in smaller group settings that members feel comfortable and safe with. With the Fall respiratory season about to start and the uncertainty of the pandemic situation, we plan to use this meeting format for the next few months.

We have recently lost two of the club's Charter members. John Bale was one of the Founders of our group and was instrumental in establishing the first meeting in January 2018, and the charter meeting of February 2018. John served as Archivist and Historian until recently.

Chris Duyvestyn, assisted the founding committee and was a very active member and as a keen horticulturist invited members to a tour his Gerbera greenhouses a few summers ago.

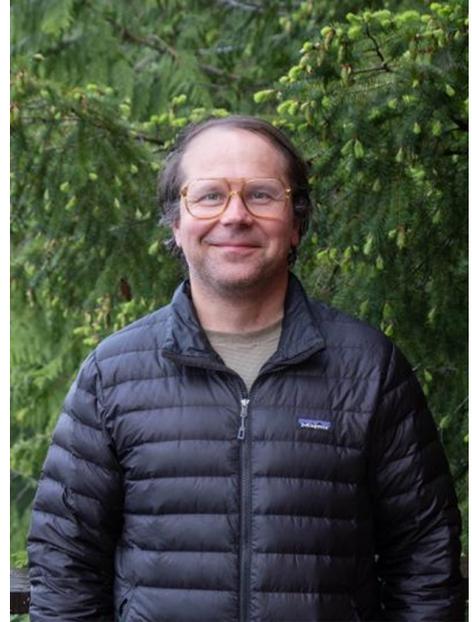
May they Rest in Peace

You ought to know that October is the first Spring month, Karel Capek



Stan Proboszcz

Watershed Watch Salmon Society



Stan Proboszcz has over 20 years experience working in the field of conservation biology. During his 16 years with Watershed Watch, he's focused on studying wild/farm salmon interactions, has been involved in several research projects on salmon farm parasites, and was the lead for an NGO coalition in the federal Cohen Inquiry into the decline of Fraser River sockeye.

He recently served as a technical advisor to First Nations for two programs to remove open-net salmon farms from the Broughton Archipelago and the Discovery Islands. Stan currently chairs an NGO coalition that engages with the federal government on salmon farming issues and was recently involved in a salmon farm related court challenge.

In his spare time, Stan enjoys kayaking in remote areas of B.C.'s south and central coasts and vegetable gardening.

Keesha Dorosz

Dick Drew's introduction of our guest speaker, Keesha Dorosz, was brief since we had all been sent her biography. Keesha told us she is the Sensus Western Regional Manager for Smart Water Solutions, and deals with the future of water and technology from Vancouver Island to Ontario. She has been passionate about water since university days and spends her time working with municipalities, attempting to get their various employees from water operations, IT, and engineers to work together, or as she put it "to play well together in the sandbox".

Her career began with auditing water usage in places like golf courses, landscapes and parking lots. She told us the world's water supply is finite, and that water is the new gold. We are fortunate in Canada that we have massive amounts of water, but warned us that other countries will come looking for it as water availability shrinks, and we need to keep our eye on the US, particularly the Southwest. Food will come first when it comes to water usage and much of our food comes from this area.

Water is going to become more costly, and the present flat rate of the cost of water does not cover a municipality's expense. She gave the example of Ft. St. John who installed water meters and saw the consumption decrease up to 40%. Water meters lead to more responsible usage. In the future, coming regulations will mandate conservation.

Greater Vancouver has some of the best drinking water in the world, with excellent water treatment. However, we need to pay for waste water treatment as well as updating our infrastructure. She gave the example of needing to replace North Vancouver's old wooden pipes running under Lonsdale Avenue. The cost of pipe has gone up 110% since Covid, and municipalities need to plan for this.

Greater Vancouver's water supply comes from the North Shore Mountains and feeds the urban area as far as the eastern edge of Maple Ridge. Keesha encouraged us all to get low flow appliances and showed us that 25% of a home's water use is for flushing toilets, followed by showers at 20%.

Water meters have made great advancements. We have gone from the old dial meters that had to be read by a person to new smart meters that work with radio frequency and can transmit in both directions. They also inform of alerts, leaks and alarms.

The following questions were discussed:

Desalination – not Keesha's expertise, but countries are working on it as well as capturing water from fog.

Supply to condos – presently a whole building is metered. It is up to a strata to sub-metre, but it is very expensive. The best way is to install before it is built. Keesha said water usage in buildings with commercial on the ground floor use much more water than residences, and thus there is a good argument to meter the commercial spaces separately.

Water cycle – a lively point about the closed circuit of water was made by Thomas, and Keesha is anxious to meet with him to explore this. She told us that the Gulf Islands are way ahead in re-use of their water resource.

Laurie thanked Keesha for a topic that gave us food for thought and that we take too much for granted. She reminded us to look to California which is a food source for us, and their water shortage is frightening, not only for them but for us as well.

For Emergency Use Only!

It was London, late October 1940, the bombing 'Blitz' was underway, and the devastation was everywhere in the 'City'! Firemen were challenged to keep the fires under control in the East End and in the City business centre. The City of London was ablaze. Buildings were collapsing and watermains had burst from the concussions, and the hydrants were unable to provide a water supply to the fire hoses. The intake hoses of the Pumper Trucks were connected end-to-end, and now stretched out for half a mile, to reach the River Thames, the nearest source of water!

This was the tale, told to my father and me by my Uncle Ted, who was a London Fire Brigade, 'Auxiliary Fireman'. He did not relate the details of the horrors he faced nightly, but it was obvious that he was exhausted. After one particularly bad night, he was sent home to rest and was assigned to do Rescue Work the following afternoon in an East End residential area. This East End Dockland district was a frequent target of the bombers, as they followed the course of the River Thames to the London Docks. By igniting the Tea warehouses and oil storage tanks there with incendiary bombs, they could see the target area clearly illuminated.

The children of this area had been the first to be evacuated out of the city, and the stoic adults left behind endured the nightly bombing as best they could. The houses were taking a heavy toll. Street Air Raid Shelters were not very common at that time, most people sheltered in the basements of the nearest church or pub! Some used the Underground train stations, while others just sheltered in the space under the stairs of their house, which was also often used for storage.

On this particular occasion, Uncle Ted was helping other Civil Defence personnel clear the rubble of collapsed houses. Survivors and neighbours were helping too. By late afternoon, one woman asked Ted if he had seen Grandma Wilson who's house they were now clearing? Not knowing her, he asked others if they had knowledge of her. One woman said that she usually went to the church at the end of the road, but as the Siren had sounded late, maybe she was sheltering under the stairs.

This caused frantic efforts to clear a path through the debris to find the remains of the staircase. Once located, many willing hands tore at the timbers, bricks and plaster to get access to the cupboard under the stairs. Forcing open the door of the cupboard, they found Grandma Wilson, sitting on a stool, with a tin of biscuits and a container of water by her side, covered in plaster dust.

Ted helped to get her out, and as she shook the dust from her hair and clothes, she said, "Thank you, Sonny", to Ted. Now he spotted a bottle of Brandy on a shelf above where she had been sitting, so Ted asked why she had not taken a sip of Brandy to help keep her comfortable? "Oh, I couldn't do that Sonny", she said, **"I keep that for an Emergency"!**

Sam Lewindon

Structures



Heritage Park, Mission *by Sam*



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Quadra Island *by Michaela*



Haida Gwaii *by Michaela*

Member Happenings

Probus Special Interest Groups

Many of these 'in Person' activities are perfect for a guest to enjoy with you!

Book Club: *Convenor, Carla Reed*

Meets 1:30pm, second Tuesday, monthly

Bridge Club: *Convenor: Kathleen Spiess*

Meets, 2pm third Monday, monthly

Camping: *contact, Michaela*

micricgoingplaces@gmail.com

Computer/Photography: *Convenor: Sam Lewindon*

Meets, 10am, last Wednesday, monthly.

Crafts: *Convenor, contact, Michaela*

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Dining: *Convenors: Marie Slessor/Carla Reed*

Meets 6pm second Thursdays, monthly

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Meets, 10am first Thursday monthly

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Meets, noon last Thursday, monthly

Table Tennis: *convenor, Michael*

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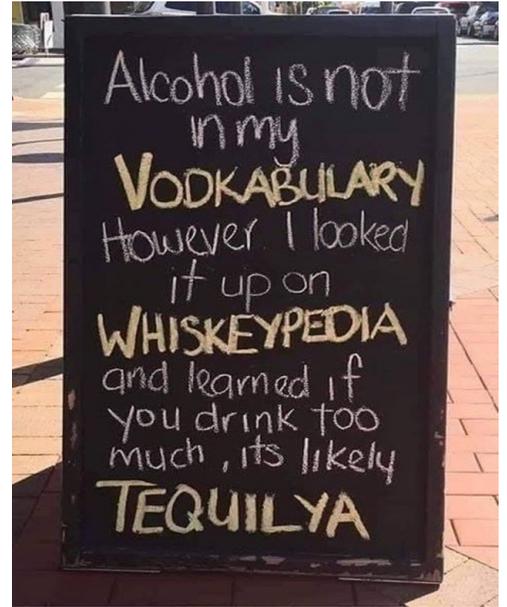
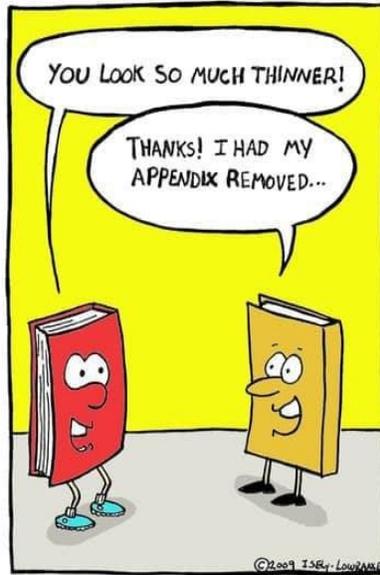
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Invite a friend to join you in one or more of these exciting groups!

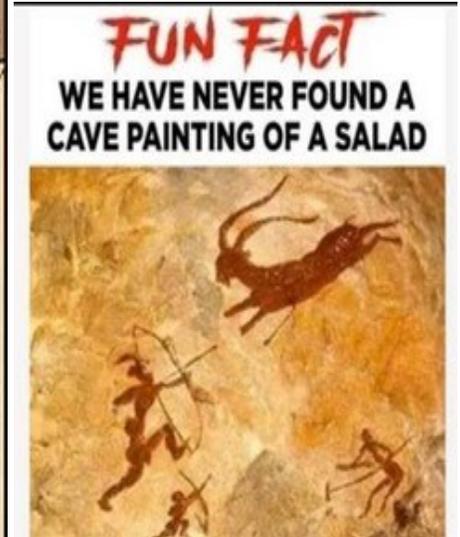
Monthly Mirth



My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect. And for that I am eternally grapefruit.



**SO A NEIGHBOR
KNOCKED ON MY
FRONT DOOR AT 3AM...
3AM!!!
LUCKILY I WAS
ALREADY UP PLAYING
THE BAG PIPES.**



**LOOK WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU CUT DOWN
TOO MANY TREES.**

**A friend suggested
putting horse manure
on my strawberries...
I'm never doing that
again, I'm going back
to whipped cream.**



Messages, Notices and Information

Wanted:

Stories for:

Memory Lane:

Contact Josine at: eikelenboom@telus.net

Photos for: **Through the Lens**

Contact

Rick at: micricgoingplaces@gmail.com



The Maple Ridge Music Society

Presents its opening concert of the season on Sunday October 9th at 3 pm, with a recital by

internationally renowned pianist Sergei Saratovsky. The program will be French music (Couperin, Satie) , some Bach, and Oskar Peterson.

Venue is Golden Ears United Church on Dewdney Trunk Road.

Admission \$40, students \$15 (bring your grandkids!)

For reservation call Josine at 604 467-3162

Origin of the Phrase:

Kick the bucket

Definition: To die.

Origin: During the 16th century, butchers would slaughter animals and hang them on a wooden beam which was called a "bucket" at that time. When the animals were killed, many of them would have a sudden convulsion, causing them to violently kick the "bucket."

Probus in-person 'Coffee Morning'

First Wednesday of the month, at 10am

Next meeting: **October 5th**

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"Groaner" of the Month:

Canadians love houses with basements, in fact they are the best cellars!