



Probud Club of Cowichan Valley

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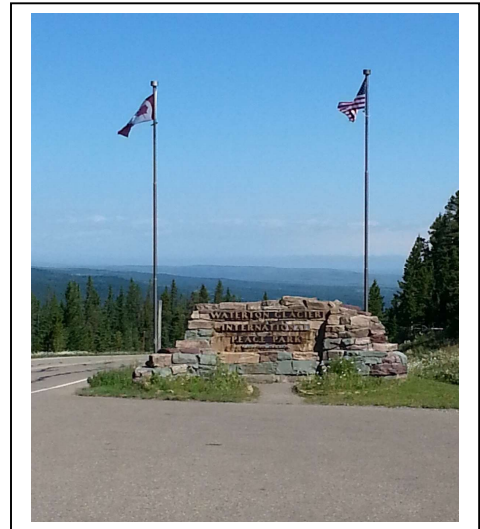
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JUNE MEETING

Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Arbutus Ridge Golf Clubhouse
Mount Baker Room
3515 Telegraph Road, Cobble Hill
Meeting: 10:30 am - noon
(Doors open at 10:00am)
Lunch available in June
Please Bring your Nametag!

JUNE SPEAKER:

In these days of Elbows Up, it is pleasant to know that some areas of Canada and the United States are still working well together. Join Maria Kliavkoff and learn about the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, the first such park in the world. Since 1931, the park has promoted peace and goodwill between nations, and underscored the international nature of wilderness and the co-operation required in its protection.



MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Attending: 28 members

Chris Waddell of Volunteer Cowichan did the ultimate sales job to encourage us to volunteer. A photo of Probud members (right) who have volunteered over the years in many different organizations shows that he was preaching to the converted.



TREASURER'S HIGHLIGHTS: Zelda reported at the Executive meeting that at the end of our fiscal year in June we will have approximately \$1,000 in the bank. This will keep the club running until the dues for 2025/2026 are collected.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Charlaine has been looking into a new type of name tag that can be worn around your neck. Her tally shows that as of the May meeting we have 50 paid up members. (Editor's note: Let's make it our goal to increase next year's membership to at least the average age of our group. Invite your friends!!)

THE VIEW FROM HERE – a monthly column, mostly musings, about nothing much at all

Our final meeting before the summer break is approaching and this has led me to muse about our Probus experience. As the winning photo from our recent contest shows, the "Spirit of Probus" is alive and well at the Cowichan Valley club.

Over the past year, our speakers have been entertaining and interesting, the interest groups are doing what their members enjoy and we have all spent time supporting and staying in touch with each other through good times as well as sad ones.

Sure, we have some small issues. Where is the monthly lunch in the first months of the year????? Why is the tea at the meetings always cold????? Why can't we hear the speaker????? (Ok, that one can be answered by the fact that our hearing aids were not turned on.)

All in all, our club is doing well. Elections for the new Management Committee will take place in the fall. Why not step forward and get more involved in running the Club?

And, there is always room to grow. A larger membership means more friends to make and get involved with our activities. Cowichan Valley Probus Club is a well kept secret. Let's shout out to everyone how great we are!



Special Interest Groups



Book/Puzzle Exchange: Members are encouraged to both donate and take books and puzzles from the exchange table. Items not taken will be donated. Contacts: *Derek Rowe / Julia Clarke*



Monthly Lunch Out: The June 18 Lunch Out will be at Jakes on the Lake, South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan. It's Burger and Beer Wednesday! Sign up at the June meeting. Contact: *Sylvia Smith*



Cribbage: Cribbage takes place on the 4th Thursday of the month from 1pm – 4pm at Kiwanis Village (355 Day Road). More players are always welcome for this fun, social afternoon. The next cribbage will be on May 22. Contact: *Wendy Gregg*



Hiking: Meet at McFrugal's parking lot on Beverly Street on May 27 at 9:30 am. We will be exploring the Stone Haven Farm site off Maple Bay Road. This hike includes some hills. Lunch determined by the group. Contact: *Leighton Mellemstrand*



Walking Group: Enjoy fresh air and fitness as you walk on level terrain with other Probus members. Watch here for more details about future walks. Contact: *Sheila Service*



Keeping in Touch: Does somebody need a warm fuzzy? Contact Jerry if you know of a Probus member who would appreciate a get well, 'thinking of you', congratulations or condolences card. Contact: *Jerry Tothill*

New Interest Groups

Book Club & Wine Club: Watch for interest sign-up sheets at the June meeting.

SAVE THE DATES!

May 21. Tour the Aviation Museum at the Victoria Airport after lunch at the Spitfire Restaurant.

Contact: *Wendy Greig*



May 28. Aging Well Seniors' Expo

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Free admission. Cowichan Community Centre, Duncan. Look for the Cowichan Valley Probus Club booth manned by our enthusiastic volunteers at the Expo.

August 5: Summer Picnic at Enrico's Winery

Lunch and wine tasting in the summer sun.
Sign up and pay at the June meeting or contact Wendy Grieg. Full details including the cost will follow by email before the meeting.



PHOTO CONTEST

1. The theme of the contest is "The Spirit of Probus".
2. All Cowichan Valley Probus club members are eligible to enter.
3. Contestants may submit multiple entries.
4. Entries must be submitted by May 15th. Contest now closed.
5. The winner will be announced at the June Probus meeting.
6. Entries may be published in the CV Probus newsletter.
7. There will be a prize (and bragging rights).

Good Luck Everyone!

YOUR PRIZE-
WINNING
PHOTO HERE



The Hiking Group enjoyed scenic views from the north side of Skutz Falls on April 29. They saw chocolate lilies, trilliums, a fawn lily and many other spring wildflowers and, as the second photo shows, were very glad of a rest afterwards.

The Paint Party was attended by nine enthusiastic artists who enjoyed lunch and then created some striking art which was proudly displayed at our May meeting.



The annual Chili in the Park was a sunny day filled with delicious food, lawn games and lots of socializing.





2024 / 2025 Management Committee

(October 2024 – October 2025)

President: Sheila Garrison

Past President: Jerry Tothill

Vice-President: Derek Rowe

2nd Vice-President: Position Vacant

Treasurer: Zelda Fuller

Secretary: Sheila Service

Speakers: Leighton Mellemstrand

Membership: Charlaine Pears

Membership Retention/Increase: Bob Skelton

Special Events: Wendy Gregg

Member at Large: Pauline Balmer

Member at Large: Sylvia Smith

Member at Large: Keith Fuller

Newsletter: Kathy Sellers

Directory: Sheila Service

Webmaster: John Duerden

Club Photographers: Bob Skelton & David Wentzell