



Probud Club of Cowichan Valley

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NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 2

JUNE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Maria Kliavkoff gave an excellent presentation to 34 members and 5 guests about the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, the first such park in the world. Since 1931, the park has promoted peace and goodwill between Canada and the United States and underscored the international nature of wilderness and the co-operation required in its protection.

TREASURER'S HIGHLIGHTS: Zelda reported at the Executive meeting that at the end of our fiscal year in June we will have \$1,032 in the bank. After carefully calculating next year's expenses and 50/50 income, Zelda suggests that fees do not need to increase **IF WE HAVE 50 MEMBERS**. Which leads us to the next item.....

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Charlaine reported that a new type of name tag that can be worn around your neck has been sourced and members can order one at the September meeting. The cost for a new tag will be \$25.00. We currently have 48 members. She is hopeful that next year we can hit the magic number of 50 members **and thus, avoid a fee increase for 2025-26**. Which leads us to the next item.....

BRING A FRIEND TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING: In an effort to boost our numbers to 50 members, the Executive encourages you to bring a friend or two to the September meeting. The speaker will discuss fall prevention for seniors.

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

POSTPONED

The Editor is on summer vacation. Look for the next View From Here in the September newsletter.

Special Interest Groups



Keeping in Touch: Over the summer, Probus members are still remembered. 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*

Hiking: Scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month (rain or shine). Meet at the McFrugal's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on June 24th when we be exploring the Koksilah Valley, starting at Koksilah Road and the TCH. We will walk along quiet roads and the abandoned railway line bringing us to historical Cowichan Station. From there we continue on quiet country lanes, past Blue Grouse vineyard in a loop back to our start. Lunch at the Cowichan Bay pub.
Contact: *Leiahton Mellestrand*

SAVE THE DATES!

August 5: Summer Picnic at Enrico's Winery

Lunch and wine tasting in the summer sun. 21 members are already signed up but there is room for more. Contact Wendy Greig by July 25 to reserve your spot.



September 12: Lunch Out at Genoa Bay Café

Sign up at the September meeting. Contact: Sylvia Smith

AGING WELL SENIORS' EXPO

Cowichan Valley Probus Club had a booth ably manned by Sheila Garrison, Sheila Service and Zelda and Keith Fuller. A stream of visitors came to the booth to find out more about the club, watch the photo montage prepared by Sheila Service and enter a draw for a plant. One visitor attended the June meeting and another expressed interest in coming in September. The Executive feels that this is an excellent way to advertise our club and plans to attend again next year. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the booth a success.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

At the June meeting, we welcomed three new members to the Cowichan Valley Probus Club. In September, please find a moment to say “Hello” to Denise and Arte Turner and Murray Gordon.

NEED SOME FUN IN YOUR LIFE??

Executive positions are up for election at the October meeting and we welcome you to contact Sheila Garrison if you are interested in having a more active role in the club. We will need a Treasurer for 2026-27 and Zelda would be delighted to have a Co-Treasurer learn the ropes this year with her. As well, Bob is looking for a Membership Retention person. Please consider whether you can help keep this great club running.

PHOTO CONTEST

The big reveal is finally here! Peter Rasberry, a naturalist and wildlife photographer who has had photos published by the Canadian Wildlife Federation in their magazines *Canadian Wildlife* and *Wild*, was the judge of the seven photographs submitted.

Although not the most difficult judging experience that Peter has had, he enjoyed seeing our members’ take on **“The Spirit of Probus”**.

Check out some of Peter’s photos on <https://peterrasberry.zenfolio.com/about.html>

The winning entry was submitted by David Wentzell and shows some of our members enjoying the Chili in the Park event. Peter Rasberry noted the cheerful sense of community shown in the photo. “The faces are in close up and the red bowl of chili adds some spontaneous punch to the frame.”

[Editor’s note: The photos were shown to 4 people, including Peter who made the final decision. Interestingly, all of the other photos had at least one vote from the four judges, some of whom wanted to vote for two pictures.]

David’s winning entry and the other six photos are below.



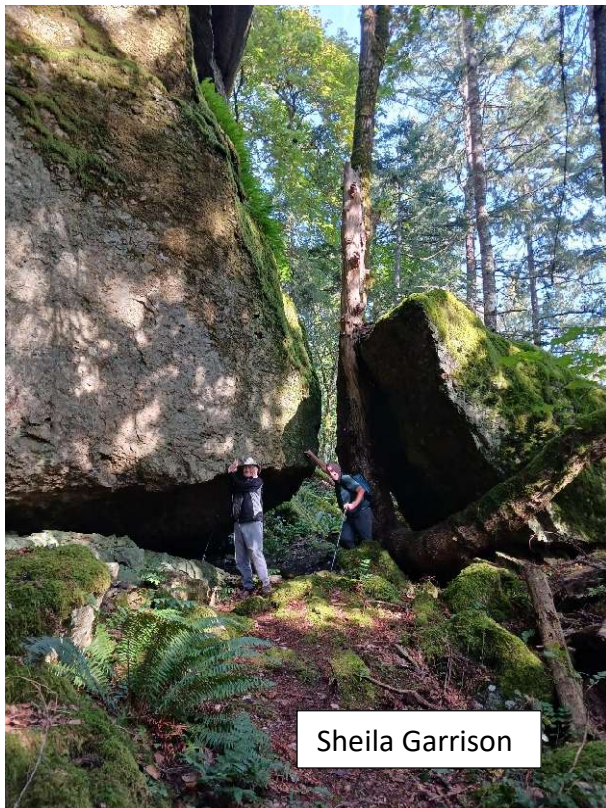
David Wentzell



Sheila Garrison



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Kathy Sellers



David Wentzell



Lorraine McDonald

Peter was most complimentary of all of the pictures and concluded his judging with this comment:

“If you take a photo and you like it, it’s a good photo.”

MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR MAY ACTIVITIES



Visit to the Aviation Museum



The hiking group at Stone Haven



Hikers exploring an old saw mill



The old saw mill, a relic of bygone days. Not to mention the other relic pictured here.....

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