

PROBUS CLUB OF DUNCAN NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2025



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As July comes to a close and August is upon us we are experiencing some great warm weather, I love it as I assume you do. Roxanne and I have just returned from a two week journey to Yukon and Northwest territories, we dipped our toe in the Arctic Ocean at Tuktoyaktuk, spent time in Whitehorse, Dawson Creek and Inuvik. It was a bucket list item which we have now accomplished.

It was a great experience, I trust you are working on your bucket list!

CHIMO David

NEXT MEETING AND SPEAKER: PHIL SALT

**The monthly meeting will be on August 19th at 10 am
in the Arbutus Golf Club.**

Our speaker for Aug 19th is Phil Salt. Phil made several working trips to Outer Mongolia, advising the Ministry of Transport on highway maintenance and organization. The first assignment was 6 months in Ulaan Baatar in 1996-1967, and included an overland trip to Hovsgil Lake, on the Siberian border. The second series of trips were during 2009-2011, (Ulaanbaatar and north east Mongolia), addressing institutional strengthening and highway maintenance planning. Kirsty accompanied him for all or part of these trips.

The July 50/50 winner was Katie Daan
who pocketed a tidy \$54. You go girl!
Roxanne Carriere



50/50 DRAW

LAST CALL OUT TO ALL MEMBERS FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Lunching Out Lead - We are **still looking** for a replacement for Lilia Sadler as our Lunching Out Lead. Please contact her at 250 743 4061 or email at lasadler@shaw.ca What could be more fun than food and friends. Please consider volunteering for this or any other activities to keep our organization strong and enjoyable.

PROBUS INTERMEDIATE FUN PARTY BRIDGE

If you know the basic conventions of bridge and want to play, please contact Sue Fryer at jandsfryer@shaw.ca for details about playing on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month. Free registration is required.

Group A already has begun and enjoying this happy pastime.

Dorothy Whittome is a qualified teacher for beginners. She is a longtime PROBUS member so contact her if you want to learn this fascinating game in the Fall!



“A light wind swept over the corn, and all nature laughed in the sunshine.” (Anne Bronte, 1820 - 1849)



**SOMETHING TO
PONDER**



SPECIAL EVENT: SUMMER CELEBRATION AT CHERRY POINT WINERY AND BISTRO

Where: Cherry Point Winery & Bistro
840 Cherry Point Road, Cobble Hill

Date: Wednesday August 13th, 4 to 6 pm

Cost: \$30.00 pp: Tapas provided, wine at own expense
\$10.00 pp extra for wine tasting, 2 to 3 pm

Please sign up by eTransfer to treasurer@probusduncan.ca
or cash or cheque to Milly Annala at Tuesday's meeting.

For questions: please contact Ed White etwhite@shaw.ca or
250-743-6119



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!! APPIE NIGHT SIGN UP

Our lineup for Appie Nights is slowly filling in. Please consider hosting one of these fun events and let anyone on the executive know what month you prefer. I can also be reached directly by email at stonepolish@gmail.com. It generally ranges at about 20 people but honestly, smaller gatherings are perfectly suitable and the limits are entirely up to you as the host. Everyone brings their own drinks along with their appetizer contribution (enough for sharing) so it's easy for the hosts. Everyone has a great time at these early evening gatherings and it's a good opportunity to get to know new members. As your event approaches please let Jan know the correct date and time and a communication with details will be issued to all members.

August: Donna and Bill Rodway
September: Ceri & Curly Newman
October: Sharon Arnold
November: available
December: available
January 2026: available
February 2026: available
March 2026: available



**August's Appie Night: hosted by Donna and Bill Rodway:
August 15th at 5 pm
3136 Brant Crescent
billrodway@gmail.com 250 748 3198
donnarodway@gmail.com**

BREKKY BRUNCH

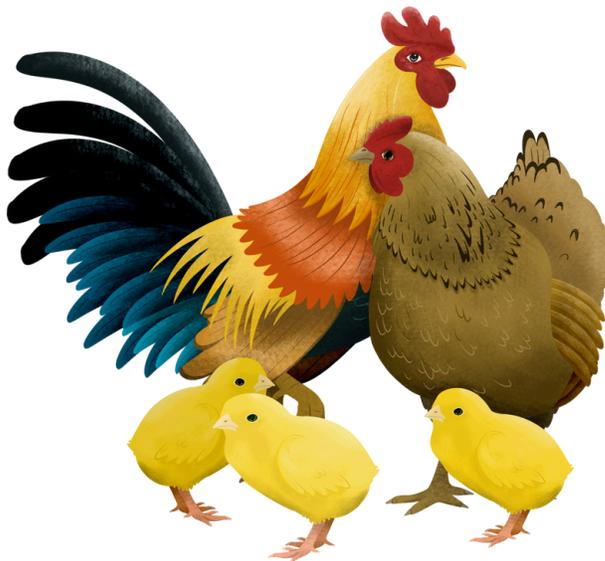
➤➤➤ **HOSTED BY KATIE DAAN
AT THE DUNCAN WHITE SPOT**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, AT 8:30 AM



The Brekkie Club is open to **ALL** members and would welcome new attendees. Please drop a line to Katie at katiedaan@gmail.com or 250-597-4736 so that she may arrange table space. The Brekkie Brunch group meets every second Wednesday of the month, same time and location. Thanks.

FUN FACTS



“According to tradition, chicks hatched during the waxing moon are healthier and grow faster than those during the waning moon.”
(The Old Farmer’s Almanac, 2025)

THE 6-S'S WINE TASTERS



The Wine Tasters are off for the summer. Thanks for all the great recommendations. Really looking forward to sipping and tasting with everyone at Cherry Point on August 13th.



Curly Newman taking care of his boat. Good time of year to clean and repair I guess. That's a sizeable boat! Good job guys.



Review of HOUSE OF DOORS

A lively group met at my home to discuss Malaysian writer Tan Twan's historical novel, "House of Doors". It was inspired by Somerset Maugham's story "The Letter", which describes the murder by Ethel Proudlock of her lover in 1911.

This story is about love, affairs, regrets, homosexuality, inequality, politics and murder, based on both fact and fiction. We were fortunate to have Rosemary who spent years in Africa to translate the African words, and Jan had been to Penang in Malaysia and knew the area.

There was good critique. Some readers enjoyed the book for the beauty of prose, use of African words, description of the beauty in natural setting, the culture and an appeal to the senses. Others felt it was hard to separate fact from fiction, and hard to understand why certain parts were included which interrupted the flow of the story and why it wasn't good enough to be a Booker prize nomination. I felt the meaning of the title alluded to new opportunity or changes when one door or life chapter closes to a new one opening.

Submitted by Margaret Nadeau



BETTER BOOKIES



**MEETING TIME: 2ND TUESDAY
MONTHLY AT 10 AM**

No submission this month.

HAPPY BOOKERS



**MEETING TIME: 3RD
WEDNESDAY MONTHLY AT 2 PM**

No submission this month.

Looks like everyone id taking a summer break. Gives you time to buy up some exciting new titles





MONTHLY HIKE



WHEN: THURSDAY, AUGUST 7TH
ARRIVE AT 9:45 AM FOR 10 AM START
WHERE: MOUNT TZOUHALEM

HIKE ON THE 7TH OF AUGUST

The hike will be on the lower slopes of Mount Tzouhalem with excellent views of the Cowichan Valley. The time to the first look out, which is at the flower reserve, is approximately 20 minutes. The time to the second look out is similarly 20 minutes and to the third a further 10 minutes. From that point the way back to the car park will either be through the trees or on the forestry road depending on the wishes of the participants.

Lunch will be at the Shipyard pub.

Directions to the car park from Maple Bay Road:

Drive up Kingsview. then right on Sansum Drive, then right onto Salish Road and then left on Kaspas Road into the car park.

Directions to the Shipyard:

Return to Kingsview and turn right and continue to Nevilane. Turn right on Osprey and right on Bird's Eye Drive. Turn left Marine Crescent and turn right on Genoa Bay Road and continue to the pub.

Any questions contact Anton Turner 250746-7423



MONTHLY WALK



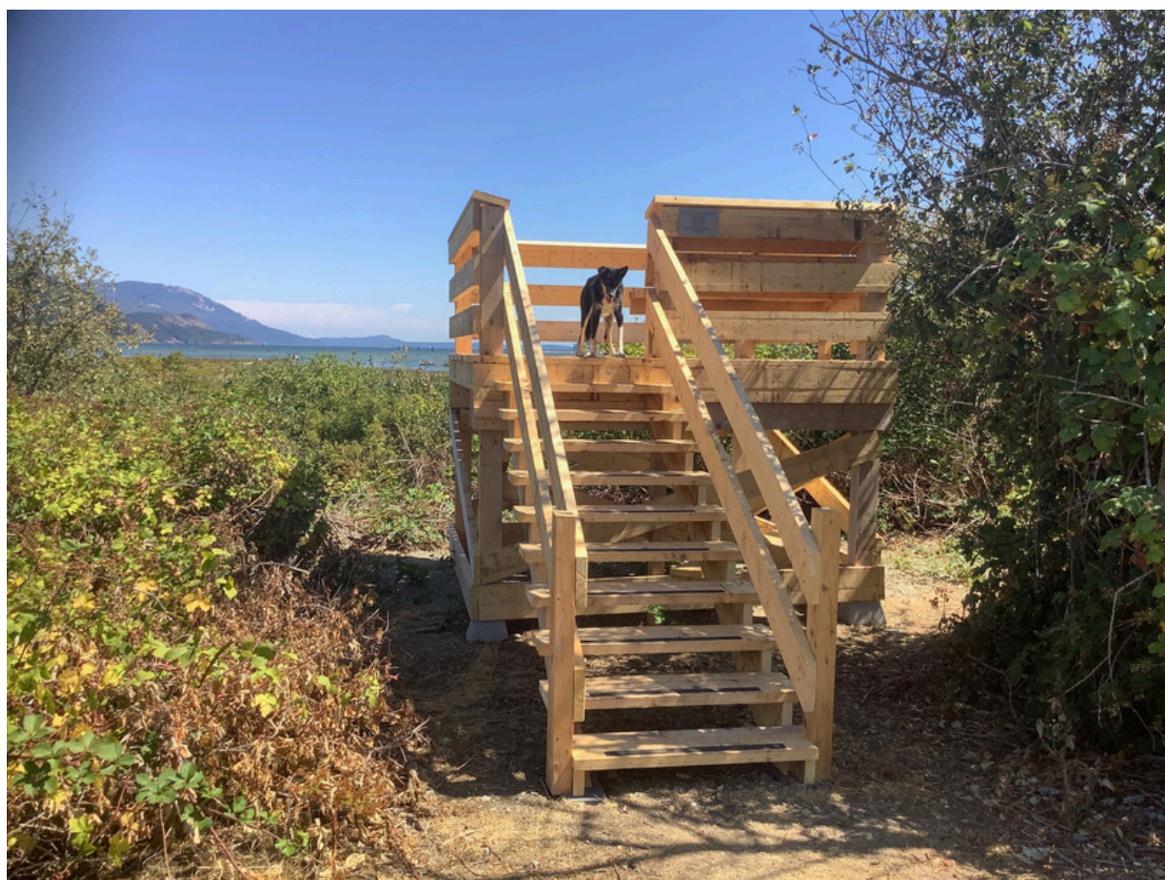
WHEN: THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST
ARRIVE AT 10:15 AM FOR 10:30 AM START
WHERE: TBA

AUGUST WALK, Thursday 21st.

This is an early notice of the planned Walk on Cowichan Bay Estuary. It's the most northerly walk, beside the Cow Bay Mill, with a stop at the brand new lookout.

Details to follow around mid August.

Charles Ayers



THE EXECUTIVE 2024/2025



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403 671 0820



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250 748 2317



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250 743 7850



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778 422 0220



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ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER ROLES

Members at Large:

Ed White 250 743 6119

John Howatt 250 746 9248

Charles Ayers 250 748 4810

Sharon Arnold 250 732 6013

Ceri Newman 250 746 6773

Speakers Committee: Mike Hanson, Leigh Hirst and David Carriere

National Probus Representative: Ian Kennedy

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50/50 Tickets: Leslie Hodgson 250 416 1122 and

Jack Stevenson 250 743 6151

Bio Book: Phil Salt and Marg Brown 778 422 0220

Book Table: Janet and Anton Turner 250 746 7423

Quiz Master: Rosemary Kennedy 250 244 4722

Greeting Committee: Ceri Newman 250 746 6773,

Ken Sulz 250 742 9352 and Helen Stevenson 250 743 6151

Ride Share: George Daan 250 597 4736

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Appy Evening: Meeting time varies monthly, details TBA separately

Better Bookies: Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 am

Margo Johnston 250 733 227 or mjohnst2@shaw.ca

Warmland Bookies: Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 am

Marg Brown 778 422 0220 or a_mbrown@shaw.ca

Happy Bookers: Meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 pm

Jill Jones. 778 422 3317 jilljones37@outlook.com

Brekkie Brunch: Meeting 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am

Katie Daan 250-597-4736 or katiedaan@gmail.com

Dining Out: Meeting time varies - Jan GrootWassink 250 743 7850

Discussion Group: Meeting last Tuesday of each month at 2 pm

Bert Pieke 250 746 0782 or bpieke@gmail.com

Investment Group: Meeting first Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm

Ross Haggart 250 929 7430 or rchaggart@shaw.ca

Intermediate Bridge: Meeting first Tuesday afternoon of each month

Sue fryer 250 709 9081 or jandsfryer@shaw.ca

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Hiking Group: Meeting time first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

Ian Kennedy 250 244 4722 or kennedy.ian.m@gmail.com

Ed White 250 743 6119 or etwhite@shaw.ca

Charles Ayers. 250 743 4810 or chayers99@gmail.com

Jan GrootWassink. 250 743 7850 or wilderconsulting@outlook.com

Management Meeting: Meeting Thursday week before monthly meeting

David Carriere 403 671 0820 or chimodjc@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting: Meeting 3rd Tuesday at 9:30 coffee/10 am meeting

David Carriere 403 671 0820 or chimodjc@gmail.com

Walking Group: Meeting 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:00 am

By Committee - Primary contacts

Ian Kennedy 250 244 4722 or kennedy.ian.m@gmail.com

Ed White 250 743 6119 or etwhite@shaw.ca

Wine Tasters: Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month (subject to change)

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