

PROBUS CLUB OF DUNCAN NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The fall is fast approaching, and overall it has been a great summer. Now we are beginning to see the leaves turn and moving into the next season. But we will continue to experience summer in the coming weeks so it's not quite done yet. So let's embrace the new season, as we have Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, which are great times to celebrate with family and friends. Planning starts now.

This month at our September meeting we will be holding our annual general meeting (AGM) and it's also the time to pay the annual dues. Marg noted we were 50% paid at the last executive meeting and for those who have not yet paid please bring a cheque to the upcoming meeting or send an e-transfer to treasurer@probusduncan.ca. Annual membership is \$50 per person.

Our world is filled with challenges but overall in our area of the world life is good! When you listen to the news you come to appreciate the wonderful place in the world in which we live.

CHIMO David

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be on September 16th at 10 am in the Arbutus Golf Club. The Executive is looking forward to seeing a good turnout of all members for a productive start to a new club year. See you there.

Our speaker for September 16th TBA

REMINDER: PROBUS club fees are now due!

For your convenience there are two ways to pay the annual fees of \$50/person.

- 1) By cheque payable to PROBUS Club of Duncan - can be handed off to Marg Brown, our Membership Chair.
- 2) Transfer payment to Jan Grootwassink at treasurer@probusduncan.ca

The August 50/50 winner was Phil Salt who pocketed a tidy \$51. What a lucky draw from his wife as one of the speakers! Congratulations. LOL

Roxanne Carriere



50/50 DRAW

PROBUS CLUB OF DUNCAN
Financial Statements

AGM 16 September 2025

Financial Position	Year-end 31 Jul 25	31 Jul 24	31 Jul 23	31 Jul 22
Assets				
Chequing	9,393	8,401	7,664	8,256
Term deposit		4,000	4,000	1,506
Shares	6	6	6	6
	<u>9,399</u>	<u>12,407</u>	<u>11,670</u>	<u>9,768</u>
Liabilities and Assets				
Carry forward Next Year Dues		550	300	0
Accounts Payable	1,347	1,715	1,321	887
Opening Net Assets	10,142	10,049	8,881	7,573
Net income	-2,090	93	1,168	1,307
Net Assets	<u>8,052</u>	<u>10,142</u>	<u>10,049</u>	<u>8,881</u>
	<u>9,399</u>	<u>12,407</u>	<u>11,670</u>	<u>9,768</u>

Income and Expenses	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Income				
Membership Dues	5,831	6,000	6,925	6,598
Lottery 50/50	557	478	549	264
Interest	198	170	27	19
X-mas Lunch	3,420	2,975	2,470	3,419
Special Events		113		
Summer Event	-1,308			
Total income	<u>8,698</u>	<u>9,736</u>	<u>9,971</u>	<u>10,300</u>
Expenses				
Meetings Name Badges	4,451	3,591	3,777	2,773
Probus Canada Office and	193	109	115	355
Administration Speakers	366	357	381	405
Bio-Book Christmas Lunch	797	1,269	277	585
Total expenses	332	228	221	
	372		423	413
	<u>4,277</u>	<u>4,089</u>	<u>3,609</u>	<u>4,462</u>
	<u>10,788</u>	<u>9,643</u>	<u>8,803</u>	<u>8,993</u>
Surplus or deficit	<u>-2,090</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>1,168</u>	<u>1,307</u>

Treasurer: Jan GrootWassink

EXCITING NEW PROBUS EVENT AT THE RAPTOR CENTRE

A VISIT TO THE RAPTORS

To help support this excellent local business given the closure of Herd Road this summer, we are offering this interesting outing. The event includes a tour of the bird enclosures and a flying demonstration by a raptor.

When: Friday the 26th September at 10:00 am.

Where: The Raptors is located at 1877 Herd Road in Duncan. Due to road works the best approach if coming from the south, is to turn right onto Trunk Road, left onto Lakes Road and then continue all the way to Herd Road. Turn right and look for The Raptors on your left just after Richards Trail.

Cost: Assuming we have at least 12 people the cost is \$18.00 for seniors and \$21.00 for adults. Those attending the next PROBUS meeting on the September 16th can pay Millie Annala at that time. Please let her know if you are coming for lunch. Others can email me at lbhodgson@shaw.ca to sign up and and arrange payment. **Please note: September 16 is the final day to sign up for this event.**

Lunch: We will head to the Lion Rampant Pub in Maple Bay after the flying demonstration. When leaving The Raptors turn left onto Herd Road and continue all the way to Maple Bay Road. Turn left and continue down to the water and turn left. Continue along Beaumont Road and look for the pub on your right.

Questions: please email me at lbhodgson@shaw.ca

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



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!



“I do not think it is naive to believe that is the tiny particular acts of love and joy that are going to swing the balance.” (Madeleine L’Engle 1918 - 2007) <<<

**SOMETHING TO
PONDER**



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.

September: Ceri and Curly Newman

October: Sharon Arnold

November: available

December: Larry and Aleen Gray

January 2026: available

February 2026: available

March 2026: available

April 2026: available

**September's Appie Night: hosted
by Teri and Curly Newman:
September 19th at 5 pm
1462 Maple Bay Rd.
candcnewman@shaw.ca
250 746 6773**



BREKKY BRUNCH

➤➤➤ **HOSTED BY KATIE DAAN**
AT THE DUNCAN WHITE SPOT
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 10 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

“More than 260,000 pairs of Atlantic puffins, the provincial bird of Newfoundland and Labrador, nest at the largest puffin colony on the continent - Witless Bay Ecological Reserve, located south of St. John’s, Newfoundland. More than 95 percent of all Atlantic puffins in North America breed along the coast of the province.” (The Old Farmer’s Almanac, 2025)



THE 6-S'S WINE TASTERS



Another stellar event at Cherry Point. Looks like a tradition starting for us. Look to see the wine tasters start up soon.





Review of BURIAL RITES

This month we discussed *Burial Rites* by Hanna Kent, which tells the true story of Agnes Magnúsdóttir who has been charged with the brutal murder of 2 men. She has been removed to her homeland's farthest reaches in northern Iceland, to await her execution. The time period is the nineteenth century and Agnes was the last woman to be executed in Iceland.

Initially she is shunned by the family who are charged with looking after her, but gradually her story comes out and they have some understanding of her life and trials. A local assistant priest helps her to tell her tale. The wife of the family sees that she is a hard worker and has been poorly treated by a man leading to the murder.

The group felt that this was a very sad story and there was much sympathy for Agnes. We also all felt that life in Iceland at that time was very difficult to say the least. The story was well conveyed by the author. She really had a good feel for the land and the people.

Submitted by Leslie Hodgson





The Better Bookies selection for September is *The House of Doors* written by Tan Twan Eng. It is mainly set in colonial Penang in the early twentieth century and is partly based on real events.

The story's main two characters are Lesley Hamlyn, an English woman and the wife of Robert (a lawyer), along with Somerset Maugham, a famed writer and an old friend of Robert's. Another historical figure, Dr. Sun Yat Sen plays a minor role. This book is told from the point of view of both Lesley and Maugham and is set in both the past and the present. It looks at the colonial era in this part of Asia and we learn about Lesley's life, her ambitions and her willingness risk her reputation by becoming involved with some of the Asians who live in Penang. Somerset is looking for inspiration for a new book and Lesley 's recounting of her experiences stimulates him to write another book of short stories.

Tan Twan Eng explores love, betrayal, relationships and the social inequalities rising from British colonialism. His book is highlighted by his gorgeous writing.

HAPPY BOOKERS



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

No submission this month.



MONTHLY HIKE



**WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
ARRIVE AT 9:45 AM FOR 10 AM START
WHERE: TBA**

Details to be announced under a separate communication.





MONTHLY WALK



WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
ARRIVE AT 10:15 AM FOR 10:30 AM START
WHERE: LOCAL VALLEYVIEW AREA

SEPTEMBER WALK

Where: Parking at Valleyview Shopping Mall, walk across Cowichan Bay Rd, Freeman Road, private, Wilder Road

Lunch: Quattro Bambini Pizzeria, Valleyview Shopping Mall, Cobble Hill

Lead: Jan GW , 236-594-9774



August walkers enjoying
the beauty of the
Cowichan Bay Estuary



THE EXECUTIVE 2024/2025 - NEW EXECUTIVE NEXT MONTH!



President: David Carriere
403 671 0820



Vice President: Marilyn Richardson
250 252 3279



Secretary: Jane Fox
250 748 2317



Treasurer: Jan GrootWassink
250 743 7850



Membership Chair: Marg Brown
778 422 0220



Past President: Win Teague

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER ROLES

Members at Large:

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

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

Sunshine Duties: Margaret Nadeau

Communications: Jan GrootWassink 250 743 7850

AudioVisual Equipment: Jan GrootWassink 250 743 7850

Web Site: Bert Pieke 250 746 0782 and Charles Ayers 250 748 4810

Newsletter: Roxanne Carriere stonepolish@gmail.com 403 826 2644

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
Charles Ayers. 250 743 4810 or chayers99@gmail.com
Jan GrootWassink. 250 743 7850 or wilderconsulting@outlook.com

Management Meeting: Meeting Thursday, one week before monthly meeting - chaired by 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 contact Ian Kennedy 250 244 4722 or kennedy.ian.m@gmail.com

Wine Tasters: Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month (subject to change)
John Howatt 250 746 9248 or John.tammy@mac.com