



July 2021 Newsletter

PROBUS CLUB OF WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY General Meeting Wednesday July 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting No 15

Unfortunately our speaker for July who was to be retired RCMP Staff/Sgt/Major John Buis who spent 45 years on the force had to cancel his presentation due to illness. We hope to have John back in the future.



Since we have an abundant talent in our Probus club we were able to get George Garret to fill in and give us some of the highlights of his reporting career which included him getting in to Government house in Victoria when no reporters were allowed. One of his more serious trips was going to Las Angeles and getting assaulted. George also included stories of his life and career at CKNW.

Thank you George for filling in.



Our August speaker will be White Rock Deputy Fire Chief Norm MacLeod.

Since May of 2020 Norm MacLeod has been Deputy Fire Chief with White Rock Fire Rescue. Norm started Firefighting as a Paid on Call firefighter in 1988 with Mission Fire Rescue Service and is now on his 33rd year in the fire service. Outside of Norm's work with the fire department, He is also involved with Fire Rescue International Training

Association(FRITA). Norm has deployed 13 times to Latin America as a member of this organization and currently serves on the Board as Vice President. To date Norm has travelled to work with the Bomberos (Firefighters) of Paraguay, El Salvador and Peru.

He will speak about the contributions of Canadian firefighters to fellow firefighters in many countries in Central and South America. Norm has visited many of those countries to help local communities with donations of used fire trucks and other equipment along with training.

Management Committee and Activities

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PLEASE- PLEASE-PLEASE

To all Probus members

When you are sending out e-mails please be sure you are sending the information to only the people that will be interested or involved. There have been a number of e-mails that are sent out or answered by people sending "REPLY ALL" this means that everyone that has an e-mail address on the original e-mail will get your reply even though you only really wanted it to go to one person.

Example: If Joe sends out an e-mail to everyone in his group and asks if you are going to attend when you answer "REPLY ALL" everyone who got the first e-mail will get your reply. I suspect that 99% of the people you sent a reply didn't need to know what you are doing.

Thanks

Walking Group

Life is good. Our weekly walks have been fabulous with near perfect weather (ie: no rain). We've added a couple of new walkers to our group and Covid fear has all but evaporated with most walkers having had two vaccinations.

In June we celebrated our **200th** group walk, which I believe is the longest running weekly walking program in all of Probus Canada.

In July we scheduled walks on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays based on the results of our recent survey. We will continue to monitor turnouts on these days. Walks have ranged from 2.5km to 11.7km in length. Our monthly schedule always specifies the walk difficulty (elevation). And most importantly, all walks end with a social coffee component where we participate in riveting discussion on a whole range of topics.

Aside from the social component, the health benefits of walking regularly are too many to list here. The facts are clear - regular walking results in better health and longevity.

We encourage you to try out our Probus Walking

The walking group has had successful walks and will continue in the summer.

Cheers – Stay Safe – Walk Solo, 

Al Zemrau

Probus Walking Group Coordinator

Contact Al Zemrau at azemrau@shaw.ca to be added to the Group Distribution list. Please note that due to provincial health regulations all activities in this group maybe suspended for a period.

Investment Group

The IDG (Investment Discussion Group) meets regularly throughout the year on the third Tuesday of each and every month. The next meeting is Tuesday, July 20 at 10:00 AM. We currently have room for two additional members in our TFSA Discussion Group. Discussion focuses on potential investments in the stock market. The intent of the group is to share ideas, learn, and contribute so that we make wiser investment choices. Currently we have two active portfolios – a RIF and a TFSA portfolio with group members making recommendations and discussing investments every month. We would like to see more participants join in the lively investment conversations. Communication is currently over Zoom but we hope that we will be able to meet in person very soon.

The group is continuing throughout the summer so please contact either Gerry Burns or Al Zemrau to have your name added to the group list.”

Book Club Group

6 of us meet every second Tuesday. Once a month we discuss a book and once a month each of us pick the topic for discussion. Here is our schedule until the end of July. Everyone’s Welcome. Contact Bill Jones at bjones17@shaw.ca for Zoom Invitation.

July 20 Book Discussion – Black Swan– Henry by Nassim Nicholas Taleb, 2007 (Henry)

Wednesday Morning Zoom Coffee Hour:

We say good morning and break up into small groups of three for 15 minutes. Back to the large group for a few minutes and new groups are formed. On average we are getting 15 to 16 people. Everyone welcome.

Invitation sent out weekly.

Monday Evening Chat:

We decided future meetings will consist of one member giving a sketch of their personal history; early beginnings, work history, family etc. Half the hour will be devoted to personal histories and the other half; who knows? We start at seven and finish around eight. Everyone’s Welcome. If you can't find your invitation please contact Bill Carlson.

Are you interested

We have had many inquiries into having an ongoing mixed walking group. With that in mind, I am proposing to start a mixed walking group and want to see if there is sufficient interest to move forward.

The walks would be on Sundays and all are welcome to join in.

So, if you are interested, please let me know at tedcartier@gmail.com. At the same time, I would appreciate your input on the following:

Frequency: Weekly____, Bi-Weekly ____

After the walk: Go for Coffee Yes/No

Looking forward to your responses and thoughts.

Ted Cartier

Golf Group

Probus Golf Group activities got underway for 2021 in April. We will play on the 4th Thursday of each month. The draw is now set for our round at Surrey Golf Course on Thursday, July 22nd, there are 2 spots available if anyone would like to join us at the last minute, one at 2:50 PM and the other at 2:58 PM. The first 2 groups are those who have indicated they will play 18 holes. This is not etched in stone and anyone can alter their choice when they have completed the first 9 holes; the fees do not change for 18 or 9 holes. Note that we have a guest playing with us which is normally not allowed. However, Walter Lowry is a new member applicant to our Probus Club, has paid his 1st year membership dues although the Management Committee has not yet processed his application. We expect that he will become a full member of our club and will be a participant in our golf activities.

Those interested in having libations and/or food service after golf will be able to do so. Outings during the following months will take place at Nico Wynd and other potential locations such as Surrey Golf Course, Morgan Creek, Country Meadows and Poppy Estates. Planning is currently underway. if you wish to join contact Frank Palmer frank@fgpalmer.com , via text message at [\(604\) 612-2114](tel:6046122114) or phone [\(604\) 535-8300](tel:6045358300).

Interest of the Month

WHO'S THAT MAN

Harry White

Born in Calgary March 12, 1941. Father KIA in Italy in 1944. My mother and I moved to Victoria, BC, in 1946 to live initially with her parents and, later, on our own. I attended Happy Valley Elementary (3 rooms, 6 grades), Belmont HS, Victoria College and UBC. Graduated from UBC in 1963 with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering. Got married that summer and, with new wife (longtime girlfriend), moved to Boston for 2 years at the Harvard Business School. Quickly found out I was not as smart as I thought I was. In a class of 661 men and 12 women, I never got higher than 297th and was happy to do that well.

Graduated in 1965 with an MBA and returned to work in Vancouver in my wife's family's optical business. After 2 years moved on to a contract programming company, then to a small Vancouver-based conglomerate whose first investment was in a trucking company. I was assigned responsibility for it and that started a 20 year career in various roles for a number of companies. Some names you might remember: Public Freightways, Alltrans Express, Kwikasair, Motorways, Commercial Truck. After that I began a 2nd career in consulting in transport, logistics and supply chain management. In 2001, a client, Art In Motion, hired me to manage their supply chain which took me to South Korea, China and Europe over 5 years. I retired in 2006 but continued some part-time consulting and landed my dream job in 2014 coaching a 35-year-old CEO of a Romanian trucking company. I spent a couple of weeks every quarter in Ploesti for 2 years. I retired for real in 2016.

Somewhere in the middle of the trucking years, my first marriage failed, as did a short-term second. In 1987 I met Trish and, in 1989, we married and moved out of Vancouver to WR/SS. We each have 2 children from our first marriages and 5 grandchildren ranging in age from 6 to 22 located in Vancouver, Squamish, Nanaimo and Los Angeles. Normally we winter in Palm Desert, California, but not this year. We are very active golfers, gardeners, walkers and travellers in non-Covid years. I also play basketball with a group of guys who have been getting

together every Thursday since 1967. Covid forced us into hiatus but we are planning to be back in action next winter.

Please Be Wary

If you get an e-mail from a source you think you might know (like Airtransat) or a company you might have dealt with be cautious as it might be a phishing e-mail to get info. They might say if you answer a survey we will give you a chance to win an I-phone. The survey asks a few ordinary questions like your age group, are you male and this seems very ordinary but they are gathering info to profile you. Then you will be asked to pick a box to see if you win the I-phone well guess what YOU ARE A WINNER. All you have to do is give them your name address and your credit card number with your three digit security because you have to pay a \$1.95 mailing fee.

YOU HAVE BEEN SCAMMED

You have just given an unknown person

YOUR AGE (APPROXIMATELY)

YOUR NAME

YOUR SEX

YOUR ADDRESS

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

Unfortunately you can get an e-mail that looks like it came from a company you have dealt with. When giving info to other people check online to see if this is a scam. Just type in the company name and type "IS THIS A SCAM". This simple 30 second check can save you a lot of time and headaches.

Smiles and Chuckles

Farmer Jack once lived on a quiet rural highway, but as time went by, the traffic slowly built up and eventually got so heavy and so fast that his free range chickens were being run over, at a rate of three to six a week.

So Farmer Jack called the local police station to complain,

"You've got to do something about all these people driving so fast and killing all my chickens," he said to the local police officer.

"What do you want me to do?" asked the policeman.

"I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!"

So the next day the policeman had the council erect a sign that said: SCHOOL CROSSING

Three days later Farmer Jack called the policeman and said, "You've still got to do something about these drivers. The school crossing' sign seems to make them go even faster!" So again, they put up a new sign: SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY

That really sped them up. So Farmer Jack called and said, "Your signs are no good. Can I put up my own sign?" In order to get Farmer Jack off his back the policeman said, "Sure. Put up your own sign."

The phone calls to the Police Station stopped, but curiosity got the better of the officer, so he called Farmer Jack, "How is the problem with the speeding drivers, Did you put up your sign?" "Oh, I sure did and not one chicken has been killed."

The policeman was really curious and thought he'd better go out and take a look at the sign. He also thought the sign may be something the police could use elsewhere to slow drivers down. So he drove out to Farmer Jack's house. His jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign

NUDIST COLONY

Slow down and watch for chicks

This is my step ladder

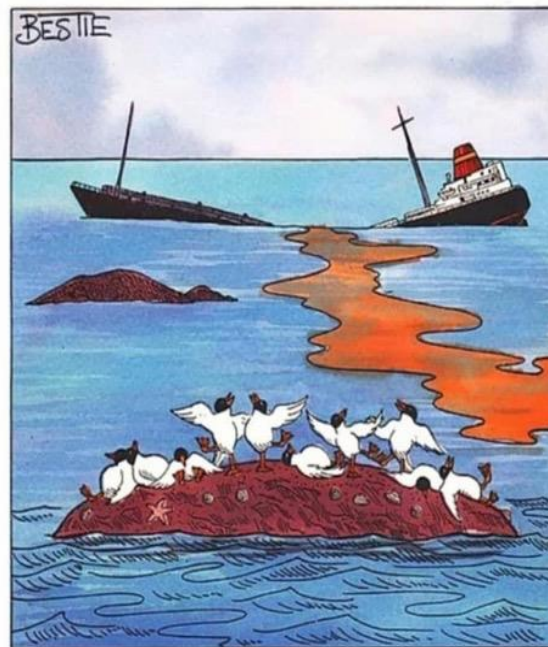


I never knew my real ladder

Shop assistant fought off armed robber with his labelling gun.

Police are now looking for a man with a price on his head.

You said everything would be back to normal after June.
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JULYED!



AFTER 50,000 GALLONS OF WHISKY LEAKED INTO THE SEA, NO TERN WAS LEFT UNSTONED

**Apparently you
can't use
'beefstew' as a
password.**

It's not stroganoff.

How fast was the ostrich running
when it hit the tree?



**The amount of jokes
about coronavirus
virus has reached
worrying numbers.
Scientists claim we
are in the middle of a
pundemic**

**Congratulations,
America!
51 years ago you
stepped on the
moon.
Today you can't
even go to
Canada.**

**Do you know
how weird it
is being the
same age as
old people?**

