

## PARKSVILLE NEWCOMERS CLUB – JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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The Parksville Newcomers Club meets every month, except July.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

**Time:** 1:30 pm

New member registration. Social and sign-up for activities and special events.



2:00 pm - Meeting begins

Featured Speakers:

**ARBUTUS TOASTMASTERS PARKSVILLE** – part of Toastmasters International. Members improve their speaking and leadership skills by attending one of the 16,600 clubs in 143 countries. The Arbutus Toastmasters meet every Monday evening at the Parksville Community & Conference Centre. Speaker – Phyllis Nielsen

**PARKSVILLE SHORES TAI CHI** – a not-for profit society that exists to teach, learn and practice Tai Chi and complementary disciplines. Speaker – Eva Grodt

**SEEDY SATURDAY** – Happening February 3 in Qualicum Beach. This is an annual event that provides an opportunity to gain knowledge about gardening in central Vancouver Island and access heritage seeds, plants and garden-related supplies and tools. Speaker – Kathy Claxton

**Where:** Parksville Community and Conference Centre

Garry Oaks & Arbutus Room

132 East Jensen Avenue, Parksville

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**Membership – 172 members to date.** Visit the Membership Desk at the monthly meetings to join - \$15/year by cash or cheque (payable to Parksville Newcomers Club) or you can mail a cheque to #2 – 290 Morison Avenue, Parksville V9P 1K7.

This month's 50/50 draw will benefit the **NORTH ISLAND WILDLIFE RECOVERY CENTRE.**

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Keep up-to-date by following the website – [www.parksvillenewcomers.club](http://www.parksvillenewcomers.club)

## SPECIAL EVENTS – JANUARY

Directors      Lea/Sharon Brocklesby      250-254-5169      [specialevents.pnc@gmail.com](mailto:specialevents.pnc@gmail.com)

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

### NEW YEAR GET TOGETHER MIX & MINGLE PARTY

Thalasa Restaurant  
496 Memorial Avenue (Memorial Golf Course)

Join us for an afternoon of getting to meet your fellow Newcomers with Greek appetizers

Cost - \$20 per person (includes appetizers, coffee/tea and dessert squares)

## COMING SOON IN FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Cheminus Theatre – “Sound of Music”

Come see the “Sound of Music” at the beautiful Cheminus Theatre. There is a lunch served at the Theatre starting at 12:00 and we have reserved a table until the show starts at 2:00 pm

Tickets with no lunch	\$44.00 per person
Tickets with lunch	\$68.00 per person (includes tax/tip)

A cash bar is available at the restaurant. Only 20 tickets are available so sign up soon if you are interested.

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If you are interested in assisting the Special Events’ coordinators, please contact Lea and/or Sharon.

**HAPPENINGS at a GLANCE in JANUARY**

8 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm	Bowling
16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Wine Appreciation
19 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Pub Night – Gary’s Bistro, QB
22 <sup>nd</sup>	2:00 pm	Bowling
24 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	New Year Get Together
25 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 pm	Lunch-Ladies – Lefty’s Restaurant

**MONTHLY**

Monday – every		Golf – Mens’
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	1:30 pm	Book Club 1 (full)
Tuesday	9:15 am	Walking Group
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7:00 pm	Euchre
Wednesday – every	10:30 am	Coffee Chatters
Wednesday – every	1:00 pm	Bridge – Mixed
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:00 pm	Wine Appreciation
Thursday – every		Golf - Mens’
Saturday	9:45 am	Walking Group

## CLUB AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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### ARTS AND CRAFTS

Coordinator Sonya Kwiatkowski 705-783-0822 [Sonya.kwi@gmail.com](mailto:Sonya.kwi@gmail.com)

- Do you have projects you would like to finish and would like to enjoy the company of others at the same time? Everything from photo editing to painting, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. Join the group once a month at Serious Coffee.
- Next date will be provided to those interested so please contact the coordinator.



### BOOK CLUBS

Coordinator 1 Vicky Jackson 250-228-2539 [vickyjackson2547@gmail.com](mailto:vickyjackson2547@gmail.com)  
 Coordinator 2 Eleanor Joy 647-984-0046 [serenestillness@icloud.com](mailto:serenestillness@icloud.com)

If you enjoy reading and would like to share your thoughts about what you've read with other newcomers, consider joining the Book Club.

- Book Club 1 meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month @ 1:30 pm. This group is full.
- Book Club 2 – meetings are flexible and will be advised to those interested.
- For more information, please contact Eleanor Joy.



### BOWLING

Coordinator Ken Bucyk (Alumni) 250-951-0823 [chilihead9@msn.com](mailto:chilihead9@msn.com)

- Drop in 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.
- Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 22<sup>nd</sup> - come and enjoy the challenge of 5-pin bowling at the Sunset Lanes at 2:00 pm.

**BRIDGE – MIXED**

Coordinator Ann Staples

250-947-9977

[annstaples04@gmail.com](mailto:annstaples04@gmail.com)

- If you enjoy the challenge and fun of playing social bridge, join other Newcomers every Wednesday at 1:00 pm. No partner necessary – just a level of comfort playing contract bridge.
- Members take turns hosting 2 tables of bridge at their homes and there is a \$1 buy-in.
- Full time or spare players are welcome

**CAMPING**

Coordinator Ken Ginther

250-951-3378

[gintherk@shaw.ca](mailto:gintherk@shaw.ca)

- Finished for this season. Watch this space when Camping begins in the New Year.

**COFFEE CHATTERS**

Coordinators Ted Donovan

250-466-4401

[teddonovan3@gmail.com](mailto:teddonovan3@gmail.com)

Nancy Donovan

250-210-1437

[nancyd2@shaw.ca](mailto:nancyd2@shaw.ca)

- Conversation and laughter happen every Wednesday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon at Quality Inn Bayside, 240 Dogwood Street, Parksville. No sign up is required so please feel free to drop by and join us in the back room for good conversation and a great selection of snacks.

**EUCHRE**

Coordinators Ron/Barb Minions

250-586-6015

[bminions@hotmail.com](mailto:bminions@hotmail.com)

- Euchre is played every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Parksville Legion at 7:00 pm sharp. Please don't arrive late after the game has started.
- Legion members bring \$1.00, non-members bring \$2.00.
- Novices welcome, we play drop-in, no registration required.

**GOLF – LADIES'**

Coordinator Linda Burgess 250-586-9104 [lgburgess@shaw.ca](mailto:lgburgess@shaw.ca)

- This group is finished for the season and will start up again in 2019.
- An email is sent out to those on the distribution list.

**GOLF – MENS'**

Coordinator Lynn Row (Alumni) 250-586-5341 [lynn\\_row@yahoo.ca](mailto:lynn_row@yahoo.ca)

- Join our mixed Newcomers and Alumni golfers every Monday and Thursday to enjoy the many varied golf courses in the area. Times and locations will be e-mailed to those interested.

**LUNCH – LADIES'**

Coordinators Nancy Donovan 250-210-1437 [nancyd2@shaw.ca](mailto:nancyd2@shaw.ca)

- Great food and company! Details will be sent by email to those on the Lunch-Ladies' email list.
- Next date is Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at Lefty's Restaurant, Qualicum location.

**PUB NIGHT**

Coordinators Ron Woodward 250-999-7806 [rdwclockbuilder@gmail.com](mailto:rdwclockbuilder@gmail.com)

- January Pub Night will be Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at Gary's Bistro in Qualicum Beach at 5:30 pm.
- An email will be sent to those on the distribution list.
- This is a fun event and usually well attended so reply asap.



### WALKING GROUP

Coordinators Anne/Allan Maharaj 250-9479496

[agamtim@gmail.com](mailto:agamtim@gmail.com)

- Welcome to the Newcomer's Hiking Group. We are a sociable group of people who like to have fun while getting some exercise. There is no need to sign up, just show up.
- The group meets every Tuesday at 9:30 am and every Saturday at 10:00 am in the parking lot next to the vacant building (was White Spot) at the Wembley Mall. Be sure to arrive 10 minutes early because we leave on time. Wear appropriate clothing.
- Walks are ranked from 1 (easy) to 5 (difficult).
- December walks are:
  - Jan 1 – a street walk w/forest and shoreline (Level 1) culminating at Polar Bear Plunge, Bayside Inn
  - Jan 8 – Pheasant Glen, easy mostly flat (Level 1), Lunch at Final Approach
  - Jan 15 – Cameron Lake, easy flat (Level 1), Lunch at French Creek Pub
  - Jan 22 – Railway Museum, moderate hills (Level 2), lunch at Shady Rest
  - Jan 29 – Hammerfest, some small hills (Level 2), lunch at Rod & Gun
- Our Saturday walks take place in the local area and last approximately 1-1/2 hours on fairly flat surfaces. There is no schedule for these walks.
- For more information, please look at the Parksville Newcomers Website or contact the coordinators.



### WINE APPRECIATION

Coordinator Joyce Lamb

604-848-4919

[joycelamb208@gmail.com](mailto:joycelamb208@gmail.com)

- Meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in members' homes – next meeting will be January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- For information on how the club works, visit our table at the monthly meeting or contact the coordinator at least a week before the meeting date.



### WINE SOCIAL CLUB

Coordinators Geoff/Sue Rigby

250-821-5114

[blossom.rigby@gmail.com](mailto:blossom.rigby@gmail.com)

- Join a group of friends who are interested in making wine via the services of a you-brew facility. A number of wines will be sampled and discussed.
- Next scheduled meeting will be in late January/early February. Invites will be sent to those interested.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS in JANUARY

- Jan 1 – Apr 10 – 100 Day Challenge @ 11:00 am. Create something everyday – different locations throughout the area
- Jan 1 – Polar Bear Splash @ 11:30, Parksville Beach
- Jan 2 – The Islanders play at British Bobby @ 5:00 pm
- Jan 2 – Kevin playing at Black Goose Inn @ 6:30 pm
- Jan 4 – Oceanside Masters Open @ 10:00 am, Qualicum Beach Curling Club
- Jan 6 – Sea to Sky X-Country Adventure Tour \$65/person, RDN Recreation
- Jan 6 – 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Chipping for Cancer @ 10:00 am, Thrifty's Foods
- Jan 26 – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Robbie Burns Dinner & Dance @ 5:30 pm, Qualicum Beach Legion, \$4-\$35

**Qualicum Beach Garden Club** – meets on the evening of Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Laurene Ebbett will share her presentation on the Gardens in the Lakes Distribut, Wales and Ireland at the next meeting. Doors open at 7:00 pm, socialize and enjoy refreshments, meetings/presentations from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Non-members charged \$3

### **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Qualicum Beach Seedy Saturday**

Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 – 3:30 pm

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre (747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach)

Speakers: Carolyn Herriot (10:30 – 12:00) – Topic Eco-Nutrition-The Future of Food  
Larry Church (12:30 – 2:00) – Topic Mason Bees Through the Seasons

There will be door prizes, raffle, childrens' program.

Cost by Donation



Assistance needed in different areas of your Club:

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| Community Relations | - | Contact President <a href="mailto:president.pnc@gmail.com">president.pnc@gmail.com</a>               |
| Lunch – Ladies      | - | Contact Coordinator Nancy Donovan <a href="mailto:nancyd2@shaw.ca">nancyd2@shaw.ca</a>               |
| Membership          | - | Contact Membership Director <a href="mailto:membership1.pnc@gmail.com">membership1.pnc@gmail.com</a> |



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Current membership and a signed Release of Liability form are required in order to participate in Club Activities and Club Events.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Membership fees are \$15.00 (Aug-Dec); \$10.00 (Jan-Apr); \$5 (May-Jun) for the year. Membership renewals must be received by the November Monthly Meeting or membership will lapse. Members can mail their renewal cheques to the Membership Director at #2, 290 Morison Avenue, Parksville, B.C. V9P 1K7.

Fees can be paid at the Membership table on the evening of the monthly meeting between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Membership closes during the meeting. New member sign-ups and renewals will be taken after the meeting ends. Custom name tags can be ordered and ready for pick up at the next meeting.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

In keeping with our bylaws, the Executive of the Parksville Newcomers' Club needs each member to sign a "Release of Liability" form in advance of participating in any activities or events organized by the Club. This form also provides the Club with authorization to share contact information with other members of the Club for the purpose of Club activities and confirms your authorization to receive e-mail communications from the Club. This form covers the term of active membership in the Club. The form is available at the monthly meeting and on the website.

**EVENTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

Event costs are not included in the annual dues. Event-related costs will be identified in advance by the Event Coordinators.