



PARKSVILLE NEWCOMERS CLUB

JANUARY 2012

www.parksvillenewcomers.org

General meetings for the Newcomers Club are on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre, 132 East Jensen Ave, Parksville.

Our next Meeting is **Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 7:30 PM.** Come at 7:00 PM for coffee or tea, to chat, to share local information, and to make new friends, while checking out the various activities and special events.

*The Guest Speakers for January will be Sabrina Qureshi and Pam McCready, representatives from the Qualicum SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

Newcomers Club Board Positions

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ANNUAL DUES

If you are new to the Parksville area, membership dues for the 2011-2012 year are payable at the General Meetings. Enjoy our events. Membership fees are \$15.00 per person for the year. Fees are prorated for those joining after December. Name tags are \$7.00 for all new members or for replacement tags. These fees are payable at our General Meetings.

If you are unable to attend the General Meeting, checks for membership renewals fees, made out to **Parksville Newcomers Club**, can be mailed to:

Wendy Connor

3408 Blueback Drive

Nanose Bay BC V9P 9H9.



Parksville Newcomers has a
SUNSHINE LADY!

She is **Margaret Maertens-Poole** and you can contact her at **250-248-9200** regarding anyone in the Newcomers' Club in ill health, as well as anyone who has something to celebrate such as an anniversary, etc. Margaret will be more than happy to send out a card, make a visit, or do whatever is appropriate.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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A variety of opportunities are available throughout the year to participate in many interesting local events. More specific information is always available at the General Meeting each month.

**Sign up at the general meetings or let the coordinators know if you wish to attend any of the scheduled events.*

- **Friday, January 27, 2012**

An Evening of Bowling Fun

Meet at Sunset Lanes on Highway 19A toward the orange bridge at 7:00 PM. Enjoy an evening of non-competitive bowling and bring a plate of munchies or appetizers to share. The individual fee per person for this event will be determined by the number of people who sign up to participate. It will include the shoe rental. You can come out and have fun and make some new friends. Food will be enjoyed throughout the games, and drinks can be purchased right there. We will have some new ways for you to deliver those balls to the pins, so get ready for a challenge!

ACTIVITIES

After paying your membership dues, sign up for your choice of activities at the General Meetings each month. Most activity coordinators will then send out an informational email about the specifics as required. Participate as your schedule permits.

Attention all Activity Coordinators!

In order to be published in our newsletter, please submit your updated monthly information no later than the last Thursday of each month to Marian Moser at mtmoser@shaw.ca or call 250-586-3359.

*Singles Group



Coordinators:

Sandra Elliott 250-586-0075
heywhatsnew@shaw.ca

Gloria Mahood 250-586-6703
gimahood@shaw.ca

Attempting to address the needs of those members who are single, in order to facilitate participation in a variety of activities and events.

"Just Friends Solos" is a new group for solo newcomers who would like to pair up with other solos to attend various activities in and around the Island. Please contact **Sandra Elliott** at heywhatsnew@shaw.ca and let her have your name and email address as well as what interests you. (e.g. theatre, dancing, shopping, golf, etc.) She will then put a listing together and send it out to the solo newcomers who have signed up. She does not organize events for solo newcomers to attend.

*Ladies Lunch



Coordinators:

Sandra Hickey 250-248-1196
fshickey@shaw.ca

Doreen Darby 250- 248-1960
darbydd@telus.net

Kathleen Garnett 250-752-8916
kmg822@telus.net

Scheduled lunches on the last Friday of every month at 12:30 PM. Varied restaurants. Great food and company.

This month's luncheon is on Friday, January 27, 2012, at 12:30 PM, at the Mekong River Restaurant, East Island Highway, Parksville. Details to follow.

FYI: We are planning on meeting with the owner and setting up a preset menu with a set price in December or early January.

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*Mixed Lunch



Coordinator:

Elsie Griffiths

250-248-9131

ejgriff@telus.net

Mary Holte

250-390-0440

mdholte@shaw.ca

Scheduled lunches on the second Friday of every month at 1:00 PM. A variety of local restaurants and a chance to meet new friends.

This month's luncheon is on Friday, January 13, 2012, at 1:00 PM, at Giovanni's Ristorante - Fine Italian Cuisine in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

(in Qualicum- #4, 180 W 2nd Avenue)

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinators know if you wish to attend by Jan. 11. Emails will go out to all those people on our list.*

*Pub Night



Coordinator:

Gloria Mahood

250-586-6703

gimahood@shaw.ca

Enjoy a wide selection of local pub fare at various pubs on the third Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Pub Night this month is on Saturday, Jan.21, 2012 at 7:00 PM at French Creek Pub (#1 – 1055 Lee Road, French Creek, North of Parksville). Gloria will be there at 6:30 PM to greet those members attending.

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinator know if you wish to attend.*

*Euchre



Coordinators:

John & Arlene O'Brien

250-586-6792

afobvic@shaw.ca

*Coordinators for the months of Feb., April and May will be **Gerry & Kathleen Garnett** **250-752-8916**

ggarnett@telus.net

Playing Euchre twice a month, on the second and fourth Wednesday night, with a variety of people, will help develop your ability to play this card game with interesting and humorous partners.

Euchre will be played this month on Jan.11 and Jan.25 at 7:00 PM, at the Seniors' Centre (144 Middleton Street).

\$3.00 per person per night. All are welcome.

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinators know if you wish to participate with the Euchre Group.*

*Coffee Chatters



Coordinator:

Janice Austin

250-248-9815

jaustin09@shaw.ca

Conversation and laughter happen on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM at Stewart's at 147 Harrison Avenue, Parksville.

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinator know if you wish to be notified by email about future dates.*

*Games



Coordinator:

Marj MacLeod

250-586-7997

innesfreewest@hotmail.com

Participate in the fun of playing games on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 to 9:30 PM at the Parksville Royal Canadian Legion at 147 West Hirst Street.

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinator know if you wish to attend.*

February 7, 2012 Pot Luck Supper

To be shared with "Games Night" group at the Royal Canadian Legion in Parksville.

We have many more plans in the works for the coming months, so please read the newsletter to stay informed about what's coming up!

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***Wine Tasting and Appreciation**



Coordinator:

Glenn Rogers

250-954-3822

wrgr12@gmail.com

Learn more about fine wines. Be part of the participating group on the third Friday of every month at 7:30 PM.

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinator know if you wish to participate.*

***Book Exchange**



Coordinator:

Finn Hickey

250-248-1196

fshickey@shaw.ca

A free book exchange takes place at each General Meeting for all enthusiastic readers.

***Mixed Bridge**



Coordinator:

JoAnn & John Hansmeyer 250-821-7003

jhansmeyer@hotmail.com

Come and savour the challenge of playing bridge every Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Full time or spare players are all welcome.

**Sign up at the next general meeting on or let the coordinator know if you wish to attend.*

***Wine Making**



Coordinator:

Niki Stanford

250-248-7242

niki.stanford@edwardjones.com

Learn the art of fine wine making. Times and dates to be announced.

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinator know if you wish to participate.*

***Walking Group**



Coordinator:

Gerry Garnett

250-752-8916

ggarnett@telus.net

Meet at the Remax at Wembley Mall on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM, and on Saturdays at 10:00 AM. Saturday walks are typically in the local area and chosen that morning. Tuesday walks are predetermined and posted on the Alumni website. To download a copy go to www.parksvillenewcomers.org, click "Alumni Home Page", then click "Alumni Walks". No need to sign up. Just drop in for exercise and talk on these scenic walks, on the days you wish to participate.

***Men's Golf**



Coordinator: to be determined

Enjoy the many varied golf courses in the area on Mondays and Thursdays. Times and locations to be announced.

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinator know if you wish to attend.*

***Women's Golf**



Coordinator:

Dianna Paton

250-586-6678

diannapaton@gmail.com

Golf with new and old friends and develop your skills on the golf course on Mondays and Fridays. Times and locations to be announced.

**Sign up at the next general meeting or let the coordinator know if you wish to attend.*

***Book Club**



Coordinator: to be determined

Experience a selected novel and then enjoy a discussion of the book with other readers.

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*Bowling



Coordinator: to be determined

Enjoy the challenge of bowling on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 2:00 PM.

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January, 2011 Fun Bowling at Sunset Lanes

Participants are asked to bring a tray of "hors d'oeuvres or sweets to share during the break. Two games will be played. Get to know new friends while having fun!

*Camping



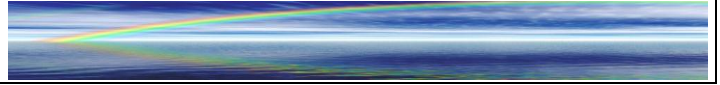
Coordinators:

Des & Barb Montgomery 250-947-9235

desbar@shaw.ca

If you wish to join our group, which combines members from the Alumni and Newcomers groups, please contact the coordinators. A 2012 camping schedule will be sent out early in the year showing the places and dates of each campout. It will also show those parks which have cabins and what the charges will be.

AROUND OCEANSIDE



To learn about more exciting community events in our area click on

www.visitparksvillequalicumbeach.com



OCEANSIDE MAGAZINE

For interesting and entertaining information about the Parksville and Qualicum Beach areas go to

www.oceansidemaq.ca for an outstanding, monthly, locally produced magazine.

Please check out our website at www.parksvillenewcomers.org for upcoming information and coordinator contact info.

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