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Monday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

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President's Message

Submitted by Gord Kruger Evergreen Club President

Greeting once again everyone!!!!...another month has passed by and every next one seems to arrive earlier than ordered....at least it sure seems that way. Hopefully the old adage about March in like a lion and out like a lamb will hold true this time around and at the moment it seems so. We enjoyed a cool and not so pleasant entry but as I put this report together at the dismissal of March, all seems warm and wonderful....with hopefully the promised good weather to follow. Promising good weather however is a roll of the dice as we could all take a lesson from the weather.....it pays no attention to criticism.

March was an interesting month as it was first of all the happening of the 2023 Spring Equinox in North America (March 20) which meant it was the first day of spring in the Comox Valley. There is a lot of "Astronautial Stuff" associated with this event but in simple terms for us here on the world's greatest island it means more sunshine, warmer temperatures, blooming flowers and other seasonal effects that are noticeable to everyone. Along with this equinox stuff March provided the dreaded "Daylight Saving Time" that robbed us all of that hour of sleep. Maybe some day there will come a time when we will live under one time zone....it's everyone's best guess. And of course March brought us St Patrick's Day and we at the Evergreen enjoyed all of that...and Mary & Peggy provided a great St Patrick's Friday night dance.

APRIL 2023
The Evergreen Club Monthly Newsletter



Camera Club Winner "Winter"

Photography by Neal Erickson

DATES TO REMEMBER

EG Executive Committee

Mon. April 3rd 9 am

Activity Club Reps Meeting

No Meeting in April

Easter Turkey Lunch

Wed. April 5th

Buy your ticket ahead of time! \$15

Facility Closed

Fri. April 7th & Mon. April 10th

New Members' Welcome

Mon. April 17th 10:00 am Craft Room

The Second Stage Players Present

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Wed. April 19th

The Corner Store

Tue. April 25th and Wed. April 26th

Tickets on sale now!

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EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

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Evergreen Club Activity Representatives

Each of our Activity Clubs has a volunteer representative (aka the Rep). For names and contact information for an Activity Rep please contact reception.

Activity Club Reps: Please submit your newsletter reports for the **May newsletter by Wednesday April 19th.**

Submit to the office or email Janet at jhutchinson@courtenay.ca

President's message continued...

And finally March brought us "March Madness"...a great time for basketball devotees. We are down to the "Final Four" as I write this report, and it seems that all the predictions went south....those teams predicted to do well are now playing golf while the so-called pretenders are trying to win it all....strange world.

Now what about our recent fundraiser! I saw many of you there and if you were, you were provided with some wonderful entertainment. A fellow by the name of Paul Valdemar Horsdaljust plain old "VALDY" to us.....dropped in to the Evergreen this past Wednesday for a evening concert. He was just great. Two hours of "Valdy Folk Music" from his excellent and varied repertoire lead to a great evening of entertainment. He is 77 years old now and for us that have followed his career, he is still quite a remarkable entertainer.....still a masterful guitarist and his pipes remain strong and true. Valdy has been the winner of two Juno Awards for Folk Singer of the year and Folk entertainer of the year and has received seven other Juno nominations. He and his wife Kathleen call Saltspring Island home. And as a FUNDRAISER the club made some money. All in all, "A GREAT EVENING".

That's about a wrap for now but before I go I would like to pass along some things I've learned about growing old.....Death is the number one killer in the world....Life is sexually transmitted.....Good health is simply the slowest possible rate at which one can die....and finally, Life is somewhat like a jar of Jalapeno peppers.....what you do today may burn your ass tomorrow..... ADIOS!!..gk

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The Evergreen Club is a program of the Courtenay Recreational Association (CRA), a non-profit organization. The Evergreen Club's Executive Committee oversees the Evergreen Club on behalf of the CRA Board of Directors.



Cover Photo

The Camera Club encourages members to expand their horizons as well as show off their work by holding an internal competition every two months. We have a set subject, albeit usually one with many interpretations. We each select five images from those submitted and the nine with the most votes are then displayed in the EG Lounge for a month. All those visiting the centre are able to vote for their favourite. The theme showcased in this newsletter is "Winter". The 1st place and 2nd place winners are used for The Evergreen Club's newsletter front page, one each month.

EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

A Note From Janet

March at the Evergreen was incredibly busy but I am happy to say running very smoothly. Our fundraising concert with Valdy was fantastic, you can read more about this special event on page 5. Many thanks to all the volunteers and everyone who attended. I am still tallying up the numbers but about \$4000 was raised for the club operations. Our next event is the Drama Club's production of The Corner Store at the end of April, it is sure to be an entertaining afternoon with lots of laughs.

We continue to have a steady stream of new members. Each month Cathy hosts a New Members' Welcome and I get to pop in and say hello. Keep an eye out for new people at our activities and help them feel welcome.

There are lots of new ideas coming forward from our members and I am excited to be planning ahead for some new events. Watch for details for our September Get Up & Go Challenge walk. We hope to get over 100 people out for a group walk (or ride or wheel) on Thursday Sept. 14th. Also being discussed is a Pub Night in October with music from the 50s, 60s & 70s. Keep those new ideas coming so we can respond to member interests and introduce more clubs, new events and more fun times.

I will be off for a few days a couple of times in April. No special plans just planning on some long walks, putting in the garden and maybe if the weather allows reading on the beach. I am sun loving, so am looking forward to longer days and lots of sunshine!

Cathy and Alisha will be here to answer questions and carry on with Evergreen Club business.

Cheers, Janet

Kitchen Update

Food services now open on Thursday Afternoons!

We are pleased to announce the kitchen will be open from 8:30 am-3:00 pm on Thursdays. Which means Monday is the only day we will have an early closing at 1 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt

You're never too old for an Easter Egg hunt!

Can you find all the eggs in this newsletter?

There are 14 eggs, starting with this one!

Happy Easter



Join us for the next NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME

Prospective Members
Welcome Too

Monday April 17th
10 am Craft Room

Drop by for a complimentary beverage and an informal chat to meet our Evergreen Club staff and other new members.



We'll talk about everything Evergreen Club and how to get involved.

Join the fun at the Evergreen Club!

Evergreen Club Membership
\$35 January 1– December 31, 2023

All membership fees go towards the operation of the Evergreen Club, which is a non profit organization.

Membership is required to participate in all activities at the Evergreen Club. Please take out your 2023 membership now!

You can get an Evergreen Club membership online at the City of Courtenay or call or drop by Lewis Centre or the Filberg Centre.

Lewis Centre 250 338 5371
Filberg Centre 250 338 1000

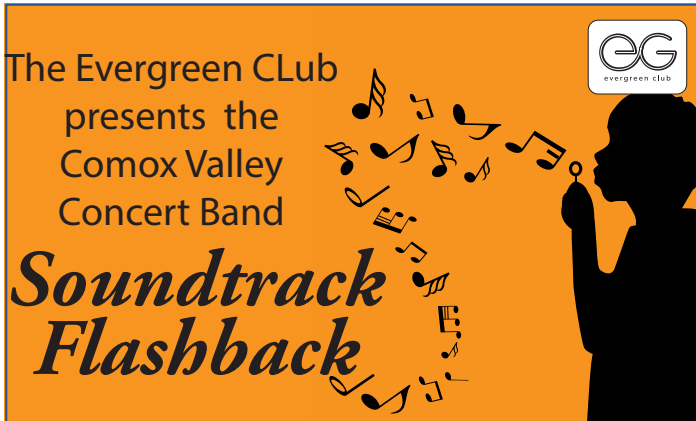
Evergreen Club Closure Notices

Filberg Centre Closed
Fri. April 7th & Mon. April 10th

Food Services Closing at 11 am Wed. April 19th
Due to the Volunteer Appreciation Event



EVERGREEN CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS



SUNDAY MAY 14

2:00 pm (doors open at 1:30 pm)

Conference Hall, Florence Filberg Centre

Everyone welcome to this special musical Mother's Day celebration featuring songs that recall our first experiences as listeners and performers

Tickets \$10 (12 and under free) available at the door or at the Florence Filberg Centre office

Info: www.comoxvalleyconcertband.com
Evergreen Club • 250-338-1000 • 411 Anderton Avenue



The Evergreen Club's
2023 Volunteer Appreciation Event
50's themed celebration

Wednesday, April 19

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Florence Filberg
Conference Hall**

Come enjoy lunch, entertainment and surprises. Pull out your poodle skirts, scarves and black leather jacket.

Prize for best dressed!

**Please RSVP
on the sign up
sheet outside
Cathy Audia's
office**



**Tues April 25 &
Wed April 26**

1:00 pm - Greg Deschutter, 1:30 - The Corner Store

Florence Filberg Centre - Conference Hall

Tickets available at the door or at the Filberg Centre office, \$10/person
complimentary tea and cookies

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club
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**EVERGREEN CLUB
FRIDAY NIGHT
DANCES**

7:30 pm Rotary Hall

Florence Filberg Centre

April 7 NO Dance

April 14 Amigos

April 21 Double Play

April 28 NO Dance



Admission at the door

Members \$10

Non Members \$12

Coffee/tea /cookies included.

Non alcoholic beverage available for purchase.

EVERGREEN CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS

Valdy Concert Fundraiser a Huge Success !



What can I say about the Valdy concert? Thanks to all the volunteers (pictured above) the event went very smoothly. It felt like we had a professional crew working this event. I just walked around chatting and they did all the work!

It was a wonderful performance by this Canadian icon. From the moment Valdy arrived for his sound check, to the last hugs and farewell at the end of the show, we all experienced his warmth, humour and the down to earth personality of this famous performer. He told lots of stories and spoke to the crowd of 225 as if he was a friend. His anecdotes between songs were funny, poignant and sometime downright silly.

He played his well-known hits, a few he had written for special occasions and life events as well as some other artist's familiar songs.

At the end of the show a standing ovation brought Valdy back on stage. He sang two more wonderful songs before saying goodnight to us all.

Thanks Valdy, for helping us to raise money for our seniors' programs and for sharing your music with us and the world.





CATHY'S CORNER

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It's that time of year again, April! Which means Volunteer Appreciation Week. I am pleased to be able to extend an invitation to you for the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch which will take place in the Conference Hall on Wednesday, April 19th starting at 11:30 am. We will be serving a full lunch complete with treats and beverages. The event is 50's themed, expect to be entertained. I am inviting guests to dress up in their 50's best if you choose to. There will be a prize for best dressed, as well as some other prizes.

Each year, as we plan the volunteer appreciation event, we have questions about who is invited. We have sooo many members who help out in a variety of ways but unfortunately we are unable to accommodate every person who helps out at this volunteer celebration. We do not send out individual invitations. Here is the criteria to help clarify who is invited. Please RRSP and join us if you volunteered, in the last year, in the following capacities:

Activity Club Reps plus one assistant
Committee Members (for clubs that run by a formal committee).

Kitchen volunteers	Special Event Volunteers
Executive Committee	Trip Hosts
CRA Board members	Bingo Callers
Special Event Committee	Friday Night Dance Bartenders
Decorating Committee	Tax Program Volunteers
Special Event Committee	Office/ Library Volunteers

If you have other people who help out from time to time at your Activity Club please find a way to say thank you to them and honor them within your own club. Please RSVP by email caudia@courtenay.ca OR use the sign-up sheet on the cork board outside of my office by Wednesday April 12th.

250 338 1000 or caudia@courtenay.ca

St. Patrick's Day Party

Thank you to Wayne and the rest of the Musical Fusion Gang for putting on a fun and festive performance for the St. Patrick's Day Celebration in the Lounge.

We had a great turn out and a good time was had by all while sipping green (near) beer and singing some Irish tunes. You can continue to look forward to more fun and festive events in the Evergreen Lounge to mark some of our favorite holidays.

Event Planner

If you have an idea for a special event you would like to plan, we would love to hear from you. Seeing a Special Event come together that you planned is very rewarding. You will have the creative flexibility to make your vision come to life, with the support of The Evergreen Staff to ensure your event is successful.

Please contact Cathy if you have any questions or are interested in any of these volunteer positions.

250 338 1000 or
caudia@courtenay.ca

Drama Club Make-up Artist

The Drama Club has a unique volunteer opportunity. They are looking for a person to apply make up for their upcoming play. The make up artist will apply foundation, lipstick pencil in eyebrows for up to 20 cast members. The commitment is from 11:00 am for 2-3 hours for both the dress rehearsal and the show days on April 24, April 25 & 26. This is your chance to be part of the action and excitement without stepping on stage!

Bingo Caller

Do you have a voice so smooth it needs to be heard over a loud speaker? A Bingo Caller has a shift every 3rd or 4th Friday from approx. 12:30 to 3:15. The position includes calling the numbers and collecting & counting money. Training is provided, and there is always someone to help you out with questions that come up. If you are interested in this position we can arrange a shift for you to shadow a caller with no obligation.

Kitchen Volunteers

We would love to have your help as part of our kitchen crew. Shifts start at just 2 hours and your commitment can be as little as once a month. We work around your schedule so we can fit into your life. Shifts allow time to sit and enjoy a coffee and muffin with the other volunteers and are great ways to meet new people and contribute to our club.

Poster Hangers

Would you like to give back to your club while getting your daily steps in? Hanging posters for our upcoming events in the community is a great way to help out. This position is flexible and the commitment can be as little as hanging 3 posters per event.

MORE EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

Need Help with your Income Tax Return?

The Evergreen Club is taking part in the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program sponsored by the Canada Revenue Agency. Our volunteer tax preparers are vetted by the CRA and ready to help you out. The program is continuing on Wednesday afternoons throughout April. This program is for community members (any age) that have a modest income and simple return. An information sheet is available in the Filberg lobby.



Miriam's Muse

This monthly column features wisdoms, jokes and sentiments that serve as inspiration for Miriam Piikkila. Every month a joke or musing is copied from her scrapbook which she generously has agreed to share with us.

Jokes of the Month

I named my dog Five Miles so I can tell people I walk Five Miles every day.

Your mind needs exercise just as much as your body does. That is why I think of jogging every day.

How did the Hamburger introduce his daughter? "Meet Patty."

When the going gets tough...it's time to take a nap.

Two reasons to be a teacher- July and August.

New Club Alert Poetry Circle

Interest Meeting
Wednesday, April 12 9:30 am
Craft Room

Hello. I am Lawrence Cooper, past and current poet laureate of the Comox Valley, a senior, and a member of The Evergreen Club. I love writing, especially poetry. I would like to invite you to a Poetry Circle. We share our inner thoughts and feeling in a safe place with safe people. We support each others dreams, hopes, and fears that are expressed in the poems we write and the feelings we share. There is no judgment on what we share or the quality of our writing.

I am especially interested in sharing and hearing your thoughts and fears on the process of aging. Hopefully we can leave something behind to encourage the generations that will follow.

Come to the interest meeting and we can talk the idea of having a Poetry Club.

Did You Know?

The Florence Filberg Centre and the Evergreen Club are

Scent Free Zones

Thank you for being aware of this policy and helping all our members be comfortable while at the Evergreen Club.

Parking Reminder

Please do not park in the city's staff parking or along the retaining wall. Please only use the marked parking stalls.

Computer Support on Pause until June!



The Computer/iPad/iPhone Assistance Program is on hold until the end of May.

You are still welcome to request assistance by filling out the form (located on the cork board outside of Janet's office) and submit it to reception. You will be contacted in the order in which the forms are received when our volunteer is able to start back.

The winner of March's
Where in the World are You From
Contest is



Phyllis Fiondell

Pick up your prize
at reception!

55Plus BC Games

The 55Plus BC Games are coming to Abbotsford August 22 -26, 2023. Many of our Evergreen Club activities are eligible to apply to participate. Abbotsford is working hard at providing first class venues and to provide the best possible experience for more than 2500 participants.

Visit the website at
www.55plusgames.org
to find the activity for you
and to register.

For sport and activity
specific information email
zone2info@55plusgames.org.

EVERGREEN CLUB KITCHEN

April Lunch Specials

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Watch the menu board for surprise lunch specials				
3	Tacos GF	Easter Turkey Dinner Buy your Ticket!	6	CLOSED Statutory Holiday Good Friday
CLOSED Statutory Holiday Easter Monday	11 Quiche <i>Veg. option avail.</i>	12 	13	14 Ruebens
17	18 Macaroni & Cheese	20 Food Services Closed at 11 am Due to Volunteer Appreciation Event	20	21 BBQ Hamburgers <i>GF option avail.</i>
24	25 Beef Dip	26 	27	28 Ginger Beef

Food Services Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Monday Early Closing
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

GF = Gluten Free or GF option
Veg = Vegetarian or Veg option



Turkey Easter Lunch

Wednesday April 5th
Rotary Hall

Join us for a turkey dinner
with all the trimmings!

Tickets are \$15
Please purchase in advance at
the office. Food served from the
Evergreen Lounge Counter.

Come between
11:30 am & 12:30 pm for your meal.

No other meals served on this date.

Daily Menu

Fresh sandwiches, soups, salads,
baked goods and beverages.
Take home frozen entrees & soups.

Hot Specials

\$7.50

Typically served
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Please bring a bag for your
take out meals!**
**We are trying to reduce the
use of plastics!**

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

The Art Group

Well, here's Something to Smile About. Yes, slightly warmer spring weather is here, but also, this month we are featuring one of our artists Ruby Hettervig and one of her many paintings entitled, yes, Something to Smile About. Oh that wolfish grin! Ruby has been with the art group for quite a while and enjoys painting in watercolour, acrylics and oils. Ruby's watercolours are mostly sea or landscapes and often come from her own imagination. Her realistic animal portraits are more often done in acrylics using wildlife photos as inspiration.

And so we continue to meet and create on Thursday afternoons in the Craft Room, it is getting busy in there but there is always room for a visitor or two.

Take care, jane



Bingo

Bingo is bringing out a larger crowd every Friday. Cost is \$2.00 for the first 2 cards and 50 cents for any others up to a maximum of 8 cards. Tickets for the 50/50 are \$1.00 each. If you are looking for fun, come out, have lunch and spend a pleasant afternoon playing!

FMI: Kelvin Davis
250-338-8321

Book Club

The Book Club meets the first Monday of every month at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre. Some of the titles read and recommended by our members at our March meeting were:

The Whalebone Theatre, Joanna Quinn
Circling the Sun, Paula McLain
57 Years in the Comox Valley, Eric Duncan
Beautiful World, Where Are You, Sally Rooney
Behind the Beautiful Forevers, Katherine Boo
Very Cold People, A Novel, Sarah Manguso
The Dictionary of Lost Words, Pip Williams
The S.S. Officer's Armchair, Daniel Lee
Marple, Twelve New Mysteries, Various Authors
Wrong Place, Wrong Time, Gillian McAllister



Our next meeting will be April 3rd, at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre upstairs in the Soroptimist Room.

Joyce

Brazilian Embroidery

Join us in the Craft Room on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. Come see this beautiful style of embroidery.



Bridge Tuesday Night

Join us for Bridge in the Florence Filberg Rotary Hall at 7 pm.

Bridge Thursday

Thursday afternoon Bridge is in the back half of the Florence Filberg Rotary Hall 12:30 pm start.

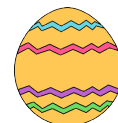
Camera Club

Don't know your F-stop from an ISO? Can't find your camera's "ON" button? Worried you'll get arrested if you shoot RAW? If you answer "YES" to any of these, then the Evergreen Camera Club is for you. We welcome all levels of photographers from shy beginners to seasoned pros.

We meet in the Rotary Hall twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. From noon to 1pm we focus on photo editing and other advanced topics. From 1 to 2:30pm we host our general meeting, where we discuss all things cameras and photography. Come give us a try (and bring your camera).

Canasta

We meet on Mondays from 9 am to 11:30 am in the Evergreen Lounge. New players are very welcome.



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Carpet Bowlers

Our formal league games ended Tuesday March 28th and even though we have a couple of games left to play, the league winners will be COHOES, a team skipped by Paul and also comprising Gene and Kelvin. Congratulations to the three of you . Drop in play will continue at 1 pm every Tuesday and Thursday after that, other than April 13th, April 20th and April 25th when the room is being used for other purposes. By then I will have returned to the lawn bowling green and Jennifer will take over as the Carpet Bowling representative. There will also be several other players available to assist new players with the game so feel to drop in. Many thanks to Janet and her assistants who all do a great job helping seniors with the things they enjoy doing and especially to all carpet bowlers whose friendship I have really enjoyed.

Choristers

Well it looks like spring is here at last. We had a sing-out at Casa Loma on the third Monday of March. Cumberland is back on for the second Monday of the month, but NOT in April as that is Easter Monday. We will be back at Casa Loma on the Third Monday again this month. I still haven't heard from Oceanfront so I don't know if we will be going there or not apparently there is no guest parking so it is problematic anyway. Our numbers are rising every week which is great news so I hope to see you soon on Friday mornings for our weekly singing in the Rotary Hall. We are looking for pianist for our singouts. Valerie

Cycling

Spring is now here in the Comox Valley. There is no better way to kick start our exercise than cycling. Our Evergreen Club is out twice weekly exploring back roads and trails. We meet Mondays 10 am at the Filberg and Wednesdays 10 am at Filberg as well as 10:30 am at Comox Quality Foods. Our routes vary weekly, taking quiet roads and easy trails locally. Distances vary from 20 to 40 kilometres with many rest stops, and rides usually include a coffee stop or lunch. Local rides always have shortcuts back for those who wish a shorter ride.



We do explore farther afield with scheduled dates for cycling Quadra, Denman, and Hornby Islands as well as Parksville, Qualicum, and Horne Lake areas. We welcome all newcomers, any ability, on regular or e-bikes.

Darts

Darts are played in the Rotary Room every Tuesday morning. It starts at 10:30 am sharp until 12:30 pm. We ask everyone to be here by 10:15 am so we can organize teams. It is a fun non competitive way to spend a Tuesday morning. No experience necessary. We have a great bunch of people. It costs \$1.00 per week.

Some high score this past month are: Maureen , Maria -100, Mary , Dick , Maria, Steve -105, John-108, Dennis -116, Brian -120, William -121, Mike -122, Bob -121, Arnie ,Dick-124, Steve-125, Linda -128, Wayne-133
High checkout:
Brian 43, Linda 46 (2 dart finish), William 60

For more information contact Linda MacMullen at 250-897-0646

Cribbage

Come play crib on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Rotary Hall. Everyone welcome!

Canasta

Join us on Mondays in the lounge at 9 am sharp for a morning of cards!

Cue Sports



No Evening Play on Friday April 7th & 28th

Drop by the Games Room for a game of 8 Ball or Snooker Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. The Games Room will also be open, some evenings between 6:30 pm to 9 pm but you must arrive between 6:30 pm and 7 pm after which the Filberg Centre doors are locked.

Evening play will be most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays. Please watch the bulletin board in the Games Room for last minute changes for evening play. All players must be out of the Games Room and lights out by 9 pm sharp. Please respect the custodial schedules and adhere to these times.



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Drama

The Drama Club is very busy in rehearsal for "The Corner Store", a comedy by our resident writer Betty Annand, a well-known actress and writer in the Valley. The play will be 1.5 hours with coffee and cookie at the intermission. Tickets on sale at the front desk at the Fillberg Centre.

At our age, memorizing lines can be a challenge but most of our members are doing a great job. The set is almost finished. All of our new members are fitting into the group so well it is like they have been members forever. Anyone that can volunteer to do "makeup" would be welcome.



Euchre

Euchre is on Thursday afternoons at 1 pm. Please join us for some good-natured competition and fun in the Evergreen Lounge.

Fabric Painters

We are keeping ourselves quite busy. Our most recent members, Diane and Anne are coming up with some great ideas for the use of our painted items. We can always use new members.

Floor Curling

Floor curling is on Wednesdays at 1 pm. in the Native Sons Hall. If you are new to the area, come out and give it a try. It is a game meant for seniors – no ice and no sweeping! Please arrive no later than 12:45 pm on a Wednesday if you are interested.

Note: We wind up the season on April 26th this year. It has been great to see the group growing every week.

FMI Dianne Bruon
grumpybearwear@shaw.ca
250-338-0940

Friday Night Dance

We have only two (2) Friday Dates in April on April 14th and April 21st. The Evergreen will be closed for the Easter Long Weekend. But hey! WE WILL be back on April 14th with OUR BAND the AMIGOS and our happy faces.

Admission at the door is Evergreen Members \$10.00 and Non-Members are welcome at \$12.00. Music starts at 7:30pm until 10:30pm in the Rotary Hall with a Coffee break at 9:00pm.

Dance Reps - Peggy and Mary

Genealogy

We've been having some very interesting presentations at our meetings. Don't miss the next one.

Thursday, April 20, at 1p.m. in the Conference Hall upstairs and as always we will be socializing in the lounge at noon. Hope you can make it.

Heartstrings

Wednesdays 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Welcome to Heartstrings. We are a group of guitar, ukulele (and other stringed instruments) and accordion players that get together for a fun time of playing and singing songs from days gone by to some more current (but not too current) songs.

Members play a mix of electric and acoustic instruments, not too loud, so that you can't hear yourself, but loud enough to cover some of our mistakes. While we are not an instructional group, players with a fair knowledge of chording should be able to fit in. Chords and words are provided on an overhead projector for you to play along with.

There is a \$2 drop in fee that we charge per session (your first session is free). Spectators are welcome.

Golf

Golf Anyone?

I'd first like to give a heartwarming Thank You to Daphne and Len for making my job so much easier. They made sure that I knew what I was talking about. Now they can enjoy the golf. Speaking of, Wednesday April 5th will be our opening day and we were hoping that most of us could be at The Park by 9:00am.

Bring your clubs because it hardly ever rains at The Park.

Thank you, Dixon

Gospel Sing Along

Spring is just around the corner and that brightens our days with singing which is soothing and encouraging. Come and sing with us each Thursday morning at 10:30 am.

Jacquie & Loretta

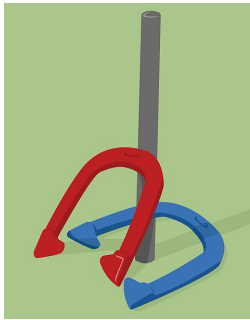


EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Horseshoes

Come and enjoy the experience of playing horseshoes starting Tuesday April 4th! We have fun, non-competitive mixed play on Tuesdays afternoon starting at 1 pm. Meet us at the Lewis Park pitches, beside the tennis courts.

Everyone one is welcome, no experience necessary. Horseshoes are available or bring your own. You are welcome to try it out once or twice then an Evergreen membership is required. Drop in fee \$2.



Improv Club

Did you know that the Evergreen Centre has Improv every 2nd and 4th week of the month at 1pm. There is really nothing to learn or memorize. We work as a team coming up with whatever pops into our head and the only rule is we build on what the other says and we never deny or say no. We celebrate failures (cause it doesn't always work) and we are totally present to each other and we help each other out. It is two hours of laughter and sometimes hilarity without anyone trying to be funny or clever. We have a great group going but we always welcome more. Mary 250-703-0315

Knit & Crochet

Joins us around the table in the Evergreen lounge on Tuesday afternoon starting at 1 pm.

The "Jam"

Every Monday (holidays excepted) from 2:30-4:30pm in the Rotary Hall. We use the website Ultimate Guitar (U.G.) to access any song an individual wishes, put it in their chosen key, put it on the screen for all to see (lyrics and chords), give them the microphone, and everyone plays along to their rendition of the song. We are averaging two choices per person each session.

We have had guitars, ukuleles, bass, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, keyboard, a drum kit, soloists, and a wide variety of songs selected.

To sing, it's preferred if you email the song title, the performer, your choice of key, and the U.G. version to jamezp@telus.net. by the preceding Saturday. Jim will find your song and be ready for you when your turn comes.

Bring your instrument (acoustic preferred) and play along at your own skill level. First visit free, and subsequently a toonie donation to help cover equipment costs. Spectators free, welcome, and wanted.

Karaoke

Dates Changes: 2nd Wednesdays for April and May

Spring into spring with song! Sing like a warbler or croak like a crow? Never tried karaoke before? None of these things matter. What matters is that you like music and want to express the music that's in your heart!

Choose a song from the book. Then take a turn.

Sing by yourself, with the singer on the disc, or even with people you've just grabbed.

Simply step up to the mike and

when the music starts and the words pop up on the monitor, sing your heart out! Sandy and Allan are always glad to explain things or help you out. And remember you're welcome to drop in and just listen to the singers and enjoy the afternoon's entertainment.



Due to bookings for the Conference Room, the Karaoke group will be meeting on the second Wednesday afternoon of the month during April and May instead of the usual third Wednesday afternoon. April karaoke has been moved to the 12th and May's to the 10th. It's always come for the fun when you can between 1pm and 3:30pm and leave anytime you wish.

Lacemakers

Lacemaking Group meets 1:30 - 4:00 p.m the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month in the Craft Room. We welcome anyone interested in making lace. Join us or come to visit and see what we do!



Mah-Jong

The Mah-Jong Club is meeting in the Rotary Hall on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm. Please come 10 to 15 minutes early so we know how many tables to set up. Must be a member of the Evergreen Club. Drop in fee is 50 cents. For info call or email Marg 250-898-1158 fowler48@telus.net

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Meet & Greet - Singles

Room Change Wed. Apr. 5th
Meet in the Conference Hall

Guest Speakers for March were Charles Girard from Lonsdale Funeral Group Inc., Paul Ives and Shane Lardreville from Ramsay Lampman Rhodes Lawyers. They gave a very informative presentation on Wills and Estate Planning. Lunch for March was at Kelly O' Bryan's with 15 in attendance.

Our Guest Speaker for April's meeting is Caroline Robinson and a co-worker from ICBC.

New Members are Welcomed
Come and join us April Wednesday 5th @ 1 pm. in the Conference Hall



Mexican Train

Come to the Evergreen Lounge on Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm for a fun game of dominoes. New players welcome!

Quilters

We do custom hand quilting and charge a fee for this service, the money goes to the Evergreen Club. The customer provides us with the top, batting, backing, thread and we quilt it together on one of our frames. We will also provide instruction for new members. Come and visit us in the Craft Room (beside the kitchen) every Monday from 12:15 pm until 3 pm for our quilting bee, and see what we are working on. If you have an interest, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Connie Watson 250-890-1948

Scrabble

Join us Wednesdays at 1 pm in the Soropotimist Lounge.



Slo Pitch

April has come up fast and SLO PITCH is coming together. We have had quite a few people ready to join that attended the Open House last fall. There is a wide range of ages and levels of playing abilities in our league which is great to see happening. We emphasize Fun, Friendship and Safety! It's fun ball, not serious ball.

We will start up on Tuesday April 11th and will be playing at Lewis Parks Field from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. Keep an eye out for further info in case there is any changes due to the weather!

Thanks,
Heather Dyas
League Director
hmdyas@outlook.com
250 - 339 - 2106

Social Dance Club

In April the club will meet Mondays **April 3rd & April 17th** in the Conference Hall. Dancers of all skill levels can enjoy an afternoon of music, dance, and laughter. Whether you're a ballroom, swing, two-stepper, or any other type of dancer why not help us fill the dance floor. Various dance styles and genres of music will be played. We welcome ideas, and or suggestions that may help this group be successful.

For more information, please contact Alan at boxtrot@shaw.ca



Supper Club

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Evergreen Lounge to join the group for a dinner out once a month.

Table Tennis Monday Group

Table Tennis provides a welcoming place for players of all levels. Doubles and singles can be played. Masks are optional. Membership in the Evergreen Club is required after the first visit. We usually play every Monday except holidays. Join us on Mondays between 11:30 and 1:30 pm.

Paddles and balls provided. An affordable couple of hours all for a loonie.

FMI contact Louise
louisedragonrider@gmail.com
or 250 338-2718

Texas Hold'em Social

Social poker games are held every Friday afternoon in the Rotary Hall starting at 12:30 pm.

Trivia

Not doing anything Thursday afternoons? Join us for some lighthearted trivia. We are not a serious group, our main focus is simply having fun. We each bring 20 general knowledge questions and meet from 1-3 pm.



Our facebook page name is
The Evergreen Club
at the Florence Filberg Centre.

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Table Tennis Thursday Night Group

Come and enjoy a fun filled 2.75 hrs of beyond recreational to competitive table tennis. If you are new to this activity, or haven't played for a while, some instruction can be provided within the first hour of our evening. We are here to have some fun and exercise. Table tennis is a brain sport which is accessible for beginners. It has a relatively low injury risk. This game features a mix of aerobics, strategy, quickness and coordination.

Our Thu Night Table Tennis Group is nearing capacity (24 active members) so a "structured play format" is essential to ensure everyone's enjoyment. Our "structure play format" is outlined below:

- 1) 6:00 pm (start time) – 6:30 pm (warm-up).
- 2) 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm a table tennis doubles version of King's Table, and
- 3) 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm we split into Level 1 & Level 2 players and play a doubles version of King's Table. If the numbers for a given evening are less than 10 the singles games will be played.
- 4) For those that are not interested in competing in a win/lose game format we dedicate one table for their play.

To join you'll need a 2023 Evergreen Club membership. There is a drop-in fee of \$1.00. We have paddles for those without. Balls are provided.

Walk & Talk

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| Thursday April 6th | McLaughlin Gardens.
Meet at Vanier Sports Complex for carpooling. |
| Thursday April 13th | Bob Webb trail.
Meet at Vanier Complex again for carpooling. |
| Thursday April 20th | Lazo Marsh Beaver Trail.
Meet at John's Independent , Comox for carpooling. |
| Thursday April 27th | Lighthouse Trail, Bowser.
Meet at Canadian Tire parking lot for carpooling. |

All walks start at 1:00 pm. Questions or more info?
MAREE 250-702-2640 mareelepine@yahoo.ca
SALLY baysally@uniserve.com



Whist

It's time to say thanks to our new card playing friends that came out in the last few weeks. We now have six tables on Monday night and we all are enjoying and having fun. Whist is a fairly easy game to play and friendly as well plus the bonus of having snacks and tea or coffee after the games are finished, and time to tell a joke or two. Come out and join us, we play Monday night from 7 to 9 PM and are usually home by 9:30 after snacks. Cost is \$2 and that gets you a chance at prizes plus a draw. Come meet some new friends.

Norm-Judy

Ukulele Club

Now some of you folks who enjoy reading this fine monthly newsletter may have on occasion read about the Ukulele Club. You might even have briefly thought about checking this club out but then held back. Concerned that the music we sing and play would be too wild, too disruptive to rock and roll for you? And well, I have to admit that some of our sessions can get pretty hot, get the blood boiling and the feet tapping. But, we do have another gentler side. And as Easter is just around the corner there is a good chance that if you drop in and check us out you might be amazed to hear, soulful renditions of, 'Amazing Grace' or 'Hallelujah' or some of those inspiring gospel tunes like, 'Rivers of Babylon' and "Down By The Riverside". So, come on down, grab a seat, they're free, and just watch and listen, you never know it may just rock your soul.

Although we are not a teaching group many of our songs have just a few simple chords that you can easily learn from our web page. We play and sing as a group so no one hears your missed chords and flat notes. We play from music displayed on a large screen so no fussing with sheets of music. We even have ukuleles you can try at our club practices before deciding to buy your own.

Checking us out is free. To join you'll need to have an Evergreen membership. We play the second and fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 3:30 pm and ending at 5:00 pm.



For more info contact:
Terry Hall comoxterry@gmail.com

EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBERS' TRIPS

Registration for **NEW** trips opens on **Wed. April 12th**

Evergreen Club Trip Notes

Any person participating in a day or overnight trip from the Evergreen Club must have a current membership unless the trip states guests are permitted.

Watch for the dates when you can start for booking these tours will always appear in your newsletter. Register early!

Add your name to the waitlist if a trip is sold out, we often have room for more people at the last minute.

Cancellations made less than 30 days before the trip date cannot be refunded unless the seat is filled from the wait list.

Bring water and any snacks needed for travelling.

April Mystery Trip

FULL Add your name to the wait list!

Date: Wednesday April 5th
Depart: 10:00 am Upper Level Filberg
Return: 4:00 pm approx. Upper Level Filberg
Cost: \$60 includes transportation, bus, tip and any entry fees.
Meal/ drinks are not included.

It's time again for a mystery trip! Join us as we head out to ...who knows where! The trip will include a lunch "place" as well as one or more stops at "places" of interest. Lunch is not included in the price but entrance fees (if any) are covered for these not to be disclosed stops!

NEW

May Mystery Trip



Date: Tuesday May 16th
Depart: 9:30 am Upper Level Filberg
Return: 4:00 pm approx. Upper Level Filberg
Cost: \$75 includes transportation, bus, tip and any entry fees.
Meals/ drinks are not included.

It's time again for a mystery trip! Join us as we head out to places undisclosed! The trip will include a lunch "place" as well as one or more stops at "places" of interest. Lunch is not included in the price but entrance fees (if any) are covered for these mystery stops!

NEW

Port Alberni Explorer

Date: Sat. May 27th
Depart: 8:30 am
Return: 5:30 pm
Cost: \$110

Join in this day trip to Port Alberni! We have several stops to make as we explore the area. Please bring your own water and any snacks needed for the trip. Dress to be outside for a short time, weather permitting. Cost includes bus, driver tip and any entrance fees but does not include lunch at a local restaurant.

Come From Away

Royal Theatre Victoria



FULL

If anyone cancels reception will call the next people on the waitlist.

Date: Sunday May 21st, 2023
Depart: 8:30 am Upper Level
Return: 7:00 pm Upper Level
Cost: \$200

Join us on this day trip to Victoria to see this award winning Broadway musical. We'll leave bright and early, stop for lunch and then attend a 2 pm matinee. On the way back we will stop for take-out snacks. Cost includes bus, driver gratuity, and theatre tickets. Meals are not included in the trip fee. Please bring your own water, blanket and pack any food/snacks needed for travelling.

Trip Ideas Under Discussion

North island Explorer	September	Texada Island Explorer
Browns Bay Lunch Excursion		Parkville Outdoor Museum
Gabriola Island Explorer		Englishman Falls Summer Picnic
Milner Gardens Tea & Tour		Miracle Beach Summer Picnic
Chemainus Theatre	Christmas Theatre	Nanaimo Shopper

Feedback and suggestions welcome!

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Check the newsletter, bulletin board or your Activity Club Rep for locations, changes or cancellations.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (most weeks)
Cycling Group meets at 10:00 am	Slo Pitch (Apr. 11 start) 9:00 am-12:00 pm Lewis Park	Heartstrings 9:30 am Rotary Hall (Dec. 21 Conf. Hall)	Brazilian Embroidery 9 am -12 noon Craft Room	SloPitch(Apr.11 start) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lewis Park
Canasta 9:00 am - 11:30 am EG Lounge	Fabric Painters 9:30 am Craft Room Sept to June	Cycling Group 10:00 am Filberg Centre	Gospel Singalong Rotary Hall 10:30 am Sept - June	Golf (Starts Apr. 5) at "The Park" in Comox 9 am
Table Tennis 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Rotary Hall	Crib 10 am Rotary Hall	Golf (Starts Apr. 5) at "The Park" in Comox 9 am	Camera Club (1st & 3rd Thur.) 12:00 - 1:00 pm and 1:00 -2:30 pm Rotary Hall	Bingo 1 pm Rotary Hall
Hand Quilters 12:15 pm Craft Room	Darts 10:30 am Rotary Hall	Mexican Train 1 pm EG Lounge	Art Club 12:30 - 3:30 pm Craft Room	Choristers 10:30 - 12 noon Rotary Hall
Social Dance Club Apr. 3 & 17 12:30 pm -2:30 pm Conference Hall	Mahjong 12:30 - 3 pm Rotary Hall	Improv Club 2 nd & 4 th Wed 1 pm Rotary Hall	Bridge 12:30 -3:30 pm Rotary Hall	Texas Hold'em 12:30 pm Rotary Hall
Book Club 1st Monday 1 -2 pm Craft Room in March & April Sept to June	Horseshoes 1 pm Lewis Park (Starts April 4)	Scrabble 1 pm Sorooptimist Lounge	Trivia 1 pm - 3 pm Sorooptimist Rm	Lacemakers 2nd & 4th Friday 1:30 - 4 pm Craft Room
The "Jam" 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Rotary Hall	Carpet Bowling 1pm Conference Hall League Play	Floor Curling Native Sons Hall 1:00 pm Grand Hall	Euchre Club 1:00 pm EG Lounge	Computer Club Not meeting until further notice
Drama Club 3 - 5 pm Conference Hall	Stamp Club (2 nd Tues) 1 - 3 pm Sorooptimist Lounge	Meet & Greet (Singles) 1st Wednesday 1pm Sept -June	Carpet Bowling 1 pm Drop in Conference Hall	Fri. Night Dances Rotary Hall 7:30 pm
Whist 7:00 am - 9:30 pm Rotary Hall	Knit & Crochet Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge	Karaoke Conference Hall 2nd Wed. in April & May 1 pm	Walk & Talk 1 pm See newsletter for locations	
	Recorder 1:30 pm Craft Room		Genealogy Club 3rd Thurs 1 - 3 pm Sept - June Conference hall	
	Ukulele Group (2 nd & 4 th Tuesday) 3:30 Rotary Hall		Table Tennis 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Rotary Hall	
	Social Bridge 7 pm - 10 pm Rotary Hall			



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