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Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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President's Message

Submitted by Gord Kruger Evergreen Club President

Greetings All !another month has come and gone in what it seems like a heartbeat....and April is here to usher in the summer of 2024. And what will it be you ask?? After doing some very serious research on your behalf I have found that is to be a summer of what they refer to as "seesaw temperatures" with an overall warm season. There will be however, occasions of cold Canadian air blowing in. The Pacific Northwest is forecast to be quite dry but with somewhat more moderate temperatures than the previous couple of summers. The Southwest on the other hand shows a prediction of hot, dry conditions....and there you have it.....SUMMER 2024 in a nutshell.

And now it's back home to the Evergreen News. First of all I'd like to mention an upcoming 1 day closure on Thursday April 18. On that day the entire Filberg Centre building has been rented out and all Evergreen Club activities have been cancelled for that day. The Kitchen and Lounge will also be closed. Please refer to other areas of this newsletter for any further details. The club continues to be a very busy place and it's exciting to see our people busy with our many activities. The Special Events Team have been very busy group and continue to work on a wide variety of upcoming events. The Rock & Roll Pub Night, which was very popular last year, will be back on Saturday April 13th. The band will be back and the bar will be have license to serve beer, wine and coolers.

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The Evergreen Club Monthly Newsletter



Camera Club Winner Theme : Black & White Photography by Gerry Royer

DATES TO REMEMBER

Closed Friday March 29th & Monday April 1st
AND Thursday April 18th

EG Executive Committee

Mon. April 8th 9:00 am

Activity Club Reps Meeting

Mon. April 8th 11:00 am Conference Hall

Friday Night Dances

April 5,12,19 Rotary Hall 7:30 pm

Rock & Roll Pub Night

Sat. April 13th 7:30 pm Conference Hall

Advanced Tickets only

Evergreen Club Closed Thursday April 18th

New Members' Welcome

Fri. April 19th 10:30 am Craft Room

Volunteer Appreciation Event

Wed. April 24th 1 pm (Kitchen closes at 12:30 pm)



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
April newsletter by
Wednesday April 24th.

Send newsletter reports to
Janet jhutchinson@courtenay.ca
Producer/Editor

President's message continued...

The Pub Night was a big "FUNDRAISER" last year and we would like to see that happen again this year, so put on your bobby sox kids and come down and rock the evening away.

There will be a Volunteer Appreciation event on Wednesday April 24 for all those hard working volunteers that keep our club going. You can find further details in this newsletter. There will be an Activity Club Reps meeting on Monday April 8th in the Conference Hall and club reps are encouraged to attend. It's your opportunity to get together with your executive and tell us all about your particular club and how things are going. Slo-Pitch and Golf are starting up in April as well. The Trip Program continues in popularity and the trips normally fill up quite quickly. If you have any ideas about future day trips or trips in general you should pass them along to Janet or Cathy. I'd like to pass along a very big "THANK YOU" to Floor Curling, Bean Bag, Carpet Bowling and the Quilters for their generous monetary donations to the Evergreen Club Contingency Fund. Those kind of donations are vital for a smooth continued operation...THANKS AGAIN.

That about wraps it up for now, but first a couple of closing comments..... It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to most everyone but the idea of getting old does not appeal to anyone.....and.....you know you are getting old when just about everything begins to hurt and what does not hurt does not work.....ADIOS my friends...gk

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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 "Black & White". The 1st place and 2nd place winners are used for cover picture of The Evergreen Club's newsletter.

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

EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

A NOTE FROM JANET

It's Rock & Roll Pub Night time again! Come out to this Evergreen Club fundraiser on Saturday night, April 13th. This time we will be in the Conference Hall so they will be lots of room to dance or you can sit back and enjoy the music with a beverage of your choice. Consider supporting the Evergreen Club at our Evergreen Pub, how hard can that be! I am looking forward to a night of great Rock & Roll tunes.

Thanks to Cathy for organizing a great St. Patrick's Day party in March. The music was excellent and the atmosphere very fun! These free mini events are very popular and they are our way to say thank you for being a member!

The Evergreen Club continues to work with Square1 Travel & Cruise and they are offering lots of great travel opportunities. Many of you have asked about our custom group travel planners (Cathy & Willi) who were affiliated with Square 1 Travel & Cruise. They retired some time ago! But not to worry, Square 1 Travel & Cruise is in full operation and doing business in our community. We also hope to work on some custom trips for Evergreen Club members only. Quite a few ideas have been suggested and we think a few small overnight group trips (and maybe a longer one) would be very well received!

Our Activity Clubs are happily busy as usual. The next Activity Club Rep meeting is Monday April 8th at 11 am in the Conference Hall. The coffee & tea will be on as you arrive. Take a look at the growing list of Activity Clubs that have been able to contribute funds to our Evergreen Club Contingency Fund. We appreciate the support as we plan ahead for unexpected needs!

As I mentioned last month, I am now working 32 hours per week instead of 40. I am still here four days a week (or five days with two half days off) so drop by anytime. If I am not in, Cathy, Paula or Alisha are available to help you.

Cheers, Janet
CRA Executive Director & EG Club Coordinator

2024 Evergreen Club Memberships

\$35 January – December 2024

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

Lewis Centre 250 338 5371
Filberg Centre 250 338 1000



Thank you for your contribution to the Evergreen Club



Contingency Fund

- Camera Club \$500
- Canasta \$100
- Drama Club \$500
- Meet & Greet \$150
- Floor Curling \$500
- Bean Bag \$100
- Carpet Bowling \$500
- Quilters \$500

Prospective & New Members' Welcome

Friday April 19th at 10:30 am.

Join us in the Craft Room on the main floor (tucked behind the lounge). Come a few minutes before 10:30 am to pick up your complimentary beverage from the kitchen counter. We will chat about the Evergreen Club and the ways to get involved. This is a great chance for new or prospective members to learn about the club, ask questions and meet Evergreen Club staff. Come hear about the many things the Evergreen Club offers. Whether you are a new member, or considering joining the club, this is a perfect place to start.

Help with your Income Tax Return?

The Evergreen Club offers income tax preparation for community members (any age) that have a modest income and a simple return. There is no charge for this program. More information is available on an information sheet in the Filberg Centre lobby.

Wednesday afternoons

April 3, 10, 17, 24.

Drop in between 1 pm and 3: 45 pm
Rotary Hall, Filberg Centre

AND an extra session on Monday April 29th

between 1 pm and 3: 45 pm.
Rotary Hall, Filberg Centre

EVERGREEN CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS



Saturday, April 13, 7:30 pm

Florence Filberg Centre Conference Hall
\$15 Evergreen members, \$20 non-members

Licensed bar & snacks available for purchase.

Tickets on sale at the Florence Filberg Centre in-person or by phone. No door sales.

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A teal-colored teapot with a brown floral pattern on its side, set against a white background. The teapot is framed by a decorative border of colorful flowers and leaves. In the top right corner is the Evergreen Club logo (EG evergreen club).

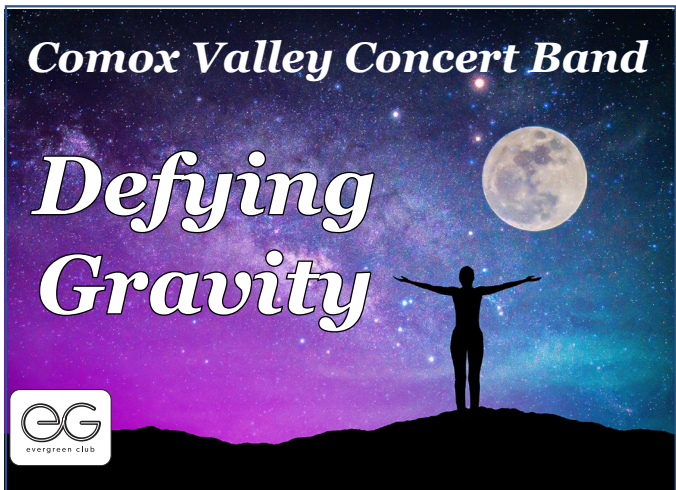
Be Our Guest!

*The Evergreen Club's
2024 Volunteer Appreciation Event*

Wednesday, April 24, 1:00 p.m.
Doors open at 12:30 p.m.
Conference Hall

In gratitude for all you do, we would love to treat our volunteers to lunch, tea and dessert.

Please RSVP by FRIDAY, APRIL 19 on the sign up sheet outside Cathy's office or email caudia@courtenay.ca



Sunday, May 12, 2:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall
Coffee, tea and cookies included.
Everyone welcome!

\$15 Tickets available at the door or in advance
at the Florence Filberg Centre office

Info: www.comoxvalleyconcertband.com

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club



Sunday, May 26, 2:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall
Have a Rock and Rollin' Good Time With Performers,
**The Singing Sistas with Kelly Thomas,
Spend't and Elvis. Featuring the Cool Cat MC
Steve Rossner from the Eagle!**

Concession Available & 50/50 Draw. Everyone welcome!

\$10 Tickets available at the door or in advance
at the Florence Filberg Centre office

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club



CATHY'S CORNER

Our St. Patrick's Day celebration was another great event enjoyed by our members. Thank you Heather Sprout and Perry Johnson, the duo known as Island Time, for entertaining us with a fun selection of Celtic influenced music. This may just have to be a new St. Patrick's Day tradition.



Volunteer Appreciation Week is in April, which makes it the perfect time to hold our Volunteer Appreciation Event. This year's theme is "Be Our Guest," (guess where I just got back from on my vacation.) I am happy to extend an invitation to our many hard-working volunteers. The event will take place in the Conference Hall on Wednesday, April 24th starting at 1:00 pm (doors open at 12:30 pm). What to expect? We will be treating our volunteers to lunch, complete with dessert and beverages. Greg DuSchutter has also graciously agreed to serenade our volunteers with a few songs.

Please RSVP for this event on the sign-up sheet outside of my office or e-mail me at caudia@courtenay.ca.

Each year we have questions about who is invited to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Event. We have sooo many members who help out in a variety of ways. However, we are unable to accommodate every Activity Club helper at the celebration, so we have come up with the following criteria to help clarify who is invited to this celebration.

- Club Reps plus one helper (to be selected by the rep)
- Activity Club Committee Members (committee run clubs)
- Kitchen Volunteers
- Executive and Special Event Committee Members
- Special Event Volunteers
- Trip Hosts
- Bingo Callers & Volunteers

If your Activity Club has helpers who do not qualify for this particular event, consider hosting a thank you within your Activity Club to celebrate your volunteers. If you need clarification please let me know. I am looking forward to a fun afternoon with our volunteers.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been meaning to start giving back to the club by volunteering? Than perhaps 2024 is the year! Read the Volunteer Call Out section in the newsletter each month to see our current volunteer opportunities. There is always a new way to contribute.

Backstage Crew The Drama Club is looking for a few people interested in helping out as the backstage crew. These are non-acting positions, and are very valuable part of the Drama Club. No special skills required.

Kitchen Callers Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that does not take up a lot of your time? Kitchen callers will help fill last minute cancelations of our kitchen crew. Callers are on a rotating schedule and are the caller of the week 1-2 weeks a month. When they are the caller of the week they will typically only receive 1 phone call a week.

Are you an RMT? Looking for one to two RMT's who are willing to share their skills at an upcoming special event. This is a one-time volunteer commitment for only 1-2 hours that allows you to give back to our club in a unique way. If your licence and insurance are up to date, I would love to hear from you to discuss the details.

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.

Event Planner If you have an idea for a special event you would like to plan, we would love to hear from you. Planning a Special Event is very rewarding to see it all come together, and the smiling faces of those who attend your event. 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 the positions.

Cathy Audia
Volunteer and Special Event Coordinator
250 338 1000 caudia@courtenay.ca

SPOTLIGHT ON AN EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBER

Marjorie Arnold

Our Spotlight this month is on Marjorie Arnold, a long time member of the Evergreen Club and the former Rep of the Quilters and the Friday Night Dancers. Just recently, we were sad to hear that she is stepping down from being the Rep of the Fabric Arts Club (former Fabric Painters).

Marjorie was born in 1928 and raised in Hanna, Alberta (near Drumheller, the former stomping-ground of dinosaurs). She was the oldest of nine kids. Although living in town, the family had a fair sized plot of land for growing vegetables and always managed to keep a cow and a clutch of noisy chickens. At the age of 10 she got a part time job in the town's diner, at first only being allowed to wash dishes but, as she grew older, she advanced to being a waitress. When she finished school at age 16, her father was determined that she would become a teacher.

But Marjorie did not agree: she had her heart set on something much more exciting. So she left home and moved to Calgary hoping to join the RCMP. This time it was the RCMP who did not agree. They said she was too small, didn't have enough heft and brawn to be out there wrestling with the cowboys. Marjorie cleverly circumvented that hurdle by joining the RCAF, the Air Force Police for three years to be exact, and started her adventure. Along the way she met and married Tom who was also with the military. As a married woman, Marjorie could no longer be a member of the Armed Forces but continued to work for them as a civilian, doing whatever was needed at Tom's various postings; secretary, bookkeeper, motor mechanic! Since then she has lived in all but two Canadian provinces, as well as a four years in Germany with her husband's posting.

They had always wished to be posted to Comox and in 1966 they finally got lucky. In Comox, they put down roots, adopting first a daughter and the next year a son. They joined a church and took up square dancing. In fact, Marjorie says that on Sundays they would attend the church service in the morning and return in the afternoon to square dance. Marjorie and Tom kept cats and guppies, and for years bred dachshund puppies. Marjorie joined a quilting group called the Schoolhouse Quilters back in the '80's. The group is still active and Marjorie attends weekly as an honorary member.

Six decades on, Marjorie continues to contribute to this community on a daily basis. She joined the Comox branch of the Canadian Legion and became their first woman president. To date, she has been voted their president three times. Marjorie's interest in policing has been life long: here in Comox she became an active member of Citizens on Patrol, helping the RCMP keep our neighbourhoods safe. She is now an honorary member. Without a doubt, her weekly calendar is fully booked. Her donation to the Evergreen Club is huge and we thank her for her amazing contribution of time and energy. We look forward to her continued attendance here and wish her happiness in her future adventures.



Did You Get Your Nametag Yet??

Order your name tag at Filberg Centre Reception.
Only \$10 and it's also a fundraiser for the Evergreen Club!



Want to Check Out the Evergreen Club?

Prospective members are welcome to drop in and check out any activities for free. Prospective members can visit once or twice before taking out an Evergreen Club membership.



Evergreen Club Closure Notice

All Evergreen Club activities & the Evergreen Lounge food services are cancelled on **Thursday April 18th** due to a conference in the Filberg Centre.

A smiling sun
means a surprise
hot lunch
special!



EVERGREEN CLUB KITCHEN NEWS & MORE

April Lunch Specials

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 CLOSED Statutory Holiday	2 Pizza <i>GF option avail.</i>	3 	4	5 Ruebens
8	9 Lasagna <i>GF option avail.</i>	10 	11	12 Cabbage Rolls
15	16 Beef Dip	17 	18 CLOSED	19 Sweet & Sour Pork
22	23 Chili with a bun <i>GF option avail.</i>	24 Kitchen Closed at 12:30 pm for Volunteer Appreciation Event	25	26 Shepherd's Pie <i>GF</i>
29	30 Ginger Beef			

Scented Products Alert

Please be aware that scented products cause some people discomfort or an allergic reaction.

Please do not wear perfume or other scented products at club activities or on trips.

THANKS!

Food Services Hours

Monday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Daily Menu

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

Watch for more diverse menu items to include more options for those with dietary restrictions and preferences. The kitchen is offering new options to include more gluten free and vegetarian choices.

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

Hot Specials

Typically served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays starting at 11:30 am. \$7.50 each

MORE EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

Evergreen Club FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

7:30 pm Rotary Hall
Filberg Centre

- April 5th The Amigos
- April 12th Double Play
- April 19th The Amigos
- April 26th No dance

Admission at the door

Members \$10
Non Members \$12
Coffee/tea /cookies included.
Non alcoholic beverages
available for purchase.

Need help with your iPad, iPhone, Android Phone, Tablet , Laptop or PC?

Please fill out a questionnaire,
located on the corkboard outside
of Janet's office in the lounge,
drop it off at reception or give it
to Janet or Cathy.



Our tutor, Jan, will be in touch
to arrange a time to meet one
on one in our Evergreen Club
computer room.



Coffee Filter Rose Workshop

Friday April 19th 1 pm
Craft Room

Would you like to help make
roses for the lounge? You won't
get to take the roses you make
home, but you'll learn how easy it
is to make them so you can make
them at home. Sign-up sheet is
posted on the bulletin board in
the Evergreen lounge.



The Members' Birthday Contest
Winner for March is

Lena Jenkins

Pick up your prize at reception!

Is your birthday in March? Put
your name and birthdate (no year
necessary) on the birthday poster in
the Evergreen Lounge for a chance
to win a prize.

Check the names every month so
you can wish a Happy Birthday to
someone you know! Winners will
be announced in the newsletter
every month. Thanks to Jackie
for organizing this fun members
contest.



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



Miriam's Muse Guest Edition

This monthly column features wisdoms and
jokes that serve as inspiration for Miriam Piikkila.
Every month a joke or musing is copied from her
scrapbook. This month's jokes have been provided
by a guest contributor, Janny Parks.
Thank you Janny!

Five ants rented an apartment with five other ants.
Now they're tenants.

A duck, a skunk and a deer went out to dinner at a restaurant. When it
came time to pay, the skunk didn't have a scent and the deer didn't have
a buck, so they put the meal on the duck's bill.

I bet jellyfish are sad that there are no peanut butter fish.

Most bald people still own a comb. They just can't part with it.

My husband asked me to pass him the lip balm. I gave him super glue by
mistake. He is still not talking to me.

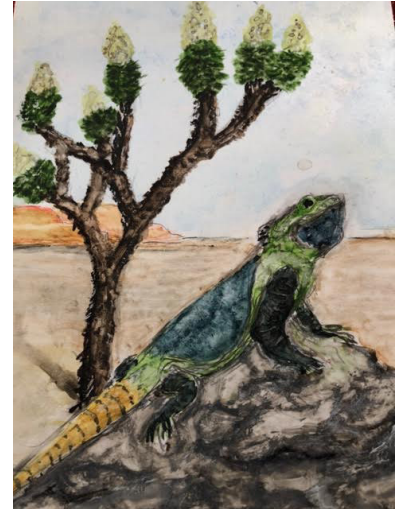


EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

The Art Group

Happy spring to you all, and now that the days are getting longer it means that there is more time for painting, and of course, once the weather warms up, we can paint outdoors. Meanwhile we are in the craft room creating magnificent works of art on Thursday afternoons, and we welcome visitors.

This month we are featuring a work by one of our group Dianne Brudenell. This cute little creature is called 'Mojave Chuckwalla'. Dianne painted s/he/it with water colour paint on Yupo paper. A few people in our group have experimented with Yupo paper, including myself. It is 100 percent polypropylene (plastic) and the really nice thing is, that if you make a mistake (which can sometimes happen), instead of giving up on the painting (which can sometimes happen), the mistake can just be wiped away with water. A water colourists dream come true. Dianne's paintings are mostly on the small side, this little fellow is 5 by 7 inches, but Dianne's paintings are interesting and full of detail. Cheers, jane



Bean Bag Toss

Play Bean Bag Toss on Thursdays at 10 am in the Rotary Hall. Come out and enjoy a friendly game. Lyle

Bingo

Bingo is held every Friday beginning at 1 pm. This is a social afternoon for those who enjoy getting out and playing bingo for fun! See you there!

Brazilian Embroidery

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



Bridge Thursday

Welcome to any new players who wish to join us. Thursday afternoon Bridge is in the back half of the Filberg Centre Rotary Hall 12:30 pm start.

Bridge Tuesday Night

Join us for Bridge in the Filberg Centre Rotary Hall at 6:45 pm.

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 Weight of Ink, Rachel Kadish
- Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus
- Reykjavík, Ragnar Jónnason & Katrín Jakobsdóttir
- The House of Doors, Tan Twan Eng
- The Survivors, Jane Harper
- Cutting Edge, ed. Joyce Carol Oates
- Haven, Emma Donoghue
- Washington Black, Esi Edugyan
- The Right Kind of Crazy, Marlet Ashley
- Mãn, Kim Thúy



Our next meeting will be Monday, April 8th at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre upstairs in the Soroptimist Room. (This meeting is the second Monday in April because the first Monday is Easter Monday.)

Joyce

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 of the month. From noon to 1pm we focus on photo editing and other advanced topics. From 1 pm to 2:30 pm we host our general meeting, where we discuss all things cameras and photography.

Come give us a try (and bring your camera).

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Canasta

We meet on Mondays from 9:00 am to 11:30 am in the Evergreen Lounge. New players are very welcome.

Carpet Bowlers

Our last league play day for the season will be April 23rd at which time we will have a "pizza party" and play two games. After that, Tuesdays and Thursdays will be drop in play only until September. Please note there is no bowling April 11th, 18th, and 25th.

Chess

Drop by the Craft Room on Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm. We need more players so come on out and have a game or two! All skill levels welcome!

Choristers

The sun is shining. The sky is blue, spring has sprung and so have we. Lol! We now have a firm date of June 21st and 22nd for our show, Memories of Love. They both will be afternoon performances starting at 1:30pm and costing \$10:00. We'll start going over the songs at the end of April as it will take 1 1/2 to 2 hrs to run the complete program. I say, let the fun begin! See you all then.

Cribbage

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



Cycling

Officially in spring, we are finally getting into warmer weather. Much more enjoyable for cycling. Also, soon we will have a tour schedule for our out of town tours. These will include Denman, Hornby, Quadra, Campbell River, Qualicum, Parksville, and Horne Lake. These outings will usually be on Mondays, with Wednesday ride staying mostly local.

Our group rides are usually between 6 to 12 riders, so there is lots of room for new members. Right now we meet every Monday and Wednesday 10 am at the Filberg on Anderton. Rides are 25 to 45 km, easy pace with many rest stops. I send out an email if rides are cancelled due to weather. So come and try us out.

Ernie Kimball. Email ejkimball62@gmail.com

Cue Sports

The Cue Sports Club has two snooker tables and an 8 Ball table. Cues are available to use while in the room. The cost is 25 cents for 15 minutes (put your quarter in the light box to turn on the table lights). Everyone is welcome to drop in, try your hand at a game and meet some new people. The Games Room is open Monday through Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm as well as some evenings between 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Evening play will be most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Fridays.

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 month are: Lorene- 107, Dick- 109, Lynn- 108, John- 113, Bob- 114, Julia- 117 Linda- 130, Pete- 130, Arnie-133, Maria- 134, William-140, Steve- 140, Brian- 140, Mike- 144, Wayne- 180 (well done Wayne)

High checkout: Bob 333 (triple 3), Jim- 111 (triple 1), Brian- 85, Lynn- 61

For more information contact Linda MacMullen at 250-897-0646 or l.macmullen@outlook.com



Wayne got 180! (well done Wayne)

Euchre

The Euchre group is a fun afternoon for all levels of player. And...if you want to learn a fast paced game of luck and chance we are happy to teach newcomers. We'd love to have you join us Thursday afternoon at 1pm. Contact Lori Carter 403.512.8203 or lcartermaclean@yahoo.com for more information.

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Drama

The Drama Club will be meeting on Monday, April 8th and Monday, April 22nd at 3 pm in the Conference Hall. The meetings this month will be business meetings and play readings. We are in the process of choosing a play to perform next fall. You are welcome to join us!

ATTENTION: OUR BACKSTAGE CREW HAVE RETIRED. WE DESPERATELY NEED NEW MEMBERS WHO WILL WORK BACKSTAGE. PLEASE CALL HEATHER RAPIN AT 250-339-7474 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THESE VERY IMPORTANT POSITIONS.

Floor Curling

We Floor Curl every Wednesday at 1 pm. in the Upper Native Sons Hall. If you would like to give it a try, come to the hall at 12:30 pm and someone will teach you the game. The activity is designed for seniors as a weekly drop-in rather than a commitment to a league. Cost is only \$1.00 for two games.

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

Golf

Hello Golfers! Whether you're Tiger Woods or a keen duffer, it's getting close to the start of Evergreen's Wednesday and Friday morning golf at The Park Golf Course. Starting date for golf at The Park is Friday, March 29th.

So polish up those golf clubs and whiten your fancy shoes. It's going to be a great opportunity to enjoy nine-hole golf with friends old and new.

Fabric Arts

We are once again happy to welcome a new member. Rita is a multi-crafter, an EG volunteer and, most notably, a retired Home Ec teacher. Just what we needed! Sort of like having a built-in instruction manual. Lucky us! Join us in the Craft Room Tuesday mornings 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

Friday Night Dance

We are doing very well with our regular dancers and other who have been showing up to see what we are all about. Good live music and a good variety of dance types. We are a social club and part of the Evergreen Club at the Filberg Centre.

Friday Craft Group

Bring your knitting, crocheting, beading, macrame, embroidery, weaving, or anything else you're working on and join us in the Lounge from 1 pm - 3 pm. (No charcoal or paint please). You're completely free to do your own thing. Come, visit, have a natter, join in. Everyone welcome!

Gospel Sing Along

The Gospel Sing-along is now located upstairs in the Soroptimist Lounge. It's a friendly drop-in group, and everyone is welcome to come sing the old hymns and gospel tunes with us. If you prefer to just listen, that's fine too. We meet Thursday mornings from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Do drop in!

Genealogy

The Genealogy Club is going strong. Our meeting is usually the 3rd Thursday of the month, 1 p.m., at the stage end of the conference room. However there will be a change of date for April (TBA).

Prior to the meetings you will find us socializing in the Evergreen Lounge, about noonish. Come and join us at the next meeting when we will be getting back to basics and learning all about source verification. Be sure to bring any questions about anything and receive lots of free advice.

To learn more, check out our Facebook page Evergreen Seniors Genealogy Club.

Improv Club

What is it? It's the act of improvising and composing without Preparation. It's not planned. it's spontaneous. it's fun. it's crazy, we laugh, we frolic. We come together in a safe space and we encourage one another to perform fun skits using our imagination and humour.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm .

If you have any questions please contact Maria : 250-897-0101

**Evergreen Club
Closure Notice**
All Evergreen Club
activities & the
Evergreen Lounge
food services
are cancelled on
Thursday April 18th
due to a conference in
the Filberg Centre.

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Karaoke

Spring into spring with song! Karaoke on April the 17th! Never tried it before? Not a skilled singer? Doesn't matter. Come and enjoy an afternoon of music and fun. Join our audience and simply listen or take a turn and sing. Singers will find many familiar song titles in our books and can choose to sing by themselves, with the singer on some discs or even grab someone to sing with. There's no charge to attend or participate. And we're always happy to welcome new friends to our sessions. Allan, the Evergreen Sound Engineer, will be there to man the sound board so that each singer sounds his or her best. Sandy will be present to oversee the program and help you in any possible way. And Sally will be waiting to operate the karaoke machine that brings up background music and lyrics.

Our friendly group of people meets in the Conference Room between 1pm and 3:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month. (Unless we're bumped so it's wise to check the date in the Newsletter.) Drop by this month and check out Karaoke!



Heartstrings

Welcome, 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 (your first session is free.) Spectators are welcome. Wednesdays at 9:30 am.

Horseshoes

Horseshoes are starting up on Tuesday afternoons at Lewis Park on May 7th. Watch the May newsletter for more details. Beginners and all skill levels welcome.

The "Jam"

Every Monday (except holidays) from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm 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 \$2 donation to help cover equipment costs. Spectators free, welcome, and wanted.

Knit & Crochet

The Knit and Crochet group has been busy producing many things, as usual. We have welcomed some new members to our group lately. We are now enjoying two days to knit and socialize. Tuesdays at 1 pm and joining in with the Friday Craft Group on Fridays at 1 pm. Come and join us for fun, knitting and get to know some other knitters.

Lacemakers

The lacemakers continue to meet in the Craft Room on the 2nd & 4th Fridays of each month from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. We welcome anyone interested in hand made laces to join us.

Mah-Jong

The Mah-jong Club meets in the Rotary Hall on Tuesdays to start playing Mah-Jong at 12:30 pm. Please arrive by 12:15pm so we know how many tables we need to set up. Must be a member of the Evergreen Seniors Club. For further information call Marg 250-898-1158

Meet & Greet - Singles

Thank you Steph for stepping in the last minute to speak on the largest water fowl in North America, the Trumpeter Swans. It was very interesting to learn how and where they migrated to. The speed they travel and so much more. Our monthly luncheon with 15 in attendance was at Kelly O'Bryan's Neighborhood Restaurant.

Our Guest Speaker for April is Christine, who will be speaking on the topic of Hospice Care and answering questions from the group. Our next meeting is Wednesday April 3rd at 1 pm, in the back half of the Rotary Hall, enter from the EG/ Dining Room.

Elaine Kivela 250-941-2518

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Mexican Train

Come to the Evergreen Lounge on Wednesday afternoons. We would like to start at 1pm so we ask that you please be here by 12:45 pm for a fun game of dominoes. New players welcome!

Quilters

The Quilters meet Mondays at 12:15 pm in the Craft Room. If you are in the building come & see what we do. We love visitors. Connie Watson

Recorder

The Trouble Clef Recorder Players meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm and play a variety of music in 3 and 4 parts including pieces from the Renaissance and Baroque eras, country dance music, and Canadian songs. New players are welcome as well as other woodwind and string players. If there is interest a beginner group may be formed. For more information contact Michael at miclayers@gmail.com

Scrabble

Do you enjoy learning new words while keeping your brain stimulated and engaged? From 1-3 pm on Wednesdays, join us in the Soroptimist Room for a few scrabble games! Equipment provided - all you need to do is show up and have some fun. Some of us may have a bite to eat in the Evergreen Lounge before starting play so please feel free to join us - "newbies" always welcome! We do not usually meet during the summer months, but operate the rest of the year.

Texas Hold'em Social

Social poker games are held every Friday afternoon in the Rotary Hall starting at 12:30 pm. Come play your hand!

Slo Pitch

Good Day Everyone! With the sunshine and warmer temperatures, it would seem that Spring has finally arrived! April is just around the corner and now it's time to turn to SENIOR SLOWPITCH ! The fields have been booked and we will start up on TUESDAY, APRIL 16th at 9:00 am. We will have a League meeting and then go on to practice and evaluations. If, fingers crossed, we get rain that day, practice will be cancelled and we will go for FRIDAY, APRIL 19th at 9:00 am. So, dust off your gloves ~give them an oil ~stretch out your winter kinks and we will see you at the field.

Heather Dyas hmdyas@outlook.com 250-465-8503

Social Dance Club

Join us in the Conference Hall on Monday April 8th & 22nd, starting at 12:30 pm for an afternoon of dance! We have the whole room to move in and great music from Linda's playlists with a wide variety of styles. Come enjoy dancing on the ballroom floor!

For more information contact Alan Box 250-941-6067

Table Tennis Monday 5:30 pm to 8:45 pm

Table Tennis provides a welcoming place for players of all levels. Doubles and singles can be played. Join us for a fun day of play on Mondays. Drop in anytime between 11:30 am -1:30 pm in the Rotary Hall. Paddles and balls provided. Come out to see if this game is for you. First time free after which you must have an Evergreen Club Membership and pay a whole dollar for two hours of fun. FMI contact Louise 250 338-2718 or louisedragonrider@gmail.com

Table Tennis Thursday

Come and enjoy a fun filled 2.75 hrs of intermediate to competitive table tennis. If you haven't played for a while, are familiar with the game, then some instruction can be provided within the first hour of our evening. Our Thursday Night Table Tennis group is for intermediate level and above players. This game, as a physical activity, has few equals. As quoted in the 2023-08-05 Globe & Mail Weekend Opinion, "Studies have shown that this is one of the best sports for the brain... since playing ping pong requires all sorts of rapid-fire decision making and processing of different types of information, it stimulates very disparate parts of the brain..." Table tennis features a mix of aerobics, strategy, quickness and coordination.

Our Thursday Night has a highly structured play format, beginning with a one-hour Warm-Up, followed by 1.75 hr of competitive win/lose game playing, both singles & doubles, depending on our numbers. For those not interested in competing in a win/lose game format we dedicate one or two tables for their play, numbers permitting. To join you'll need a 2024 Evergreen Club membership. There is a drop-in fee of \$1.00. We have paddles for those without. Balls are provided.

For more info contact Dave Semple
mobile: 250-898-1224,
or by email: 4sempledave@gmail.com



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Ukulele Club

Yes fellow readers of this fine publication, April has arrived. April's birthstone is diamond. April's flower is the sweet pea. And April's musical instrument is the ukulele. And what a perfect choice because playing the ukulele, is like a warm April day, it's a joyful experience. Come on and check us out. I promise, you won't feel like an April Fool.

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. Drop-in fee \$1.00. 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

Walk & Talk

We are a group who enjoy casual and undemanding walks at various locations throughout the Valley. We socialize during the walk and often choose to continue the talk at coffee afterwards. New Walkers always welcome!

All walks start at 1:00pm, every Thursday.

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| April 4th | Royston Seaside Trail, lead by Karen. Meet on the waterfront at the bottom of Royston Road. This trail has a steep hill. |
| April 11th | McLaughlin Gardens. Meet at Vanier Sports Complex for carpooling. This trail has a steep hill. |
| April 18th | Northeast Woods Lazo Marsh Trail. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Torrence Rd. |
| April 25th | Salmon Point. Meet at Vanier Sports Complex for carpooling. |

Maree 250-702-9666 mclepine08@gmail.com

Whist

Here we are awaiting spring and all the exciting things that come with nice weather. Our whist card club is enjoying some good cards and fun as well. We meet on Monday night at 6:45 pm to start play at 7:00 pm. Then comes the excitement of twenty hands to try to get a part of the prizes, and if that doesn't work then, it's down to the draws. Not to forget the snacks and refreshments to follow, with some great social chatter and friendly gossip. What more could one ask for? So come out and join our club to have some fun. The cost is \$2, to get all that and your night is over by 9:15 pm. Judy and I hope to see you out to challenge yourself. If you play cards this is your chance to shine and enjoy a night out. See you soon, Norm

Writers' Group

Writers' Group

by Lillian Winslow

We gathered, us eight
For Writers' Group
Assembled are we - to write!
We talked about that
And read some we'd writ
And worries out points
How we're going to, a bit
Respect was a biggie
And sharing the air
Time and length and how-to's
and where

Nearly all shared
From our topic - or other
And each as distinctive
As each child and it's mother
We've charged each other
To encourage growing
By thoughtful feed-back giving
For writers must write
And written - be read
To change and enlighten our living.

Anyone interested in writing is welcome to join us at our next meeting on Monday April 29th from 12:30-2 pm in the Soroptomist Lounge. Assignment for those that wish, is to "Write what you would say to your younger self" or "what wisdom would you have for the younger generation knowing what you know today". All styles are welcome, bring something to share if you'd like!

Margo 604-908-8202
margorob@shaw.ca

Trivia

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 Thursday (except the 3rd Thursdays).

EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBERS' DAY TRIPS

Registration for **NEW** trips opens on **Tues. April 2nd**

Scenic Route to the FBI

NEW

Date: Friday, April 26th 2024
Depart: 9:30 am Upper Florence Filberg
Return: 1:30 pm Upper Florence Filberg
Cost: \$40.00 includes bus and bus driver tip (lunch not included)

Let's take the scenic route to the Fanny Bay Inn (FBI). Along the way we will stop at a couple of stores or points of interests for a look around. Then we will head to the Fanny Bay Inn. The FBI is a quaint historic site built in 1938 and has been serving great food, drinks, local oysters ever since. With a beautiful location overlooking Baynes Sound, on the scenic old coastal highway you are sure to enjoy this day out.

Hairspray the Musical Queen Elizabeth Theatre Vancouver

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!

Date: Sunday, April 7th
Depart: 7:30 am Filberg Centre (Upper)
Return: 10:45 pm approx. Filberg Centre (Upper)
Cost: \$280 each Bus, Ferry and theatre ticket, driver's tip included
(No meals included)
Seating is in left centre section rows 11 -17

Join your fellow Evergreen Club members for this very special day trip to Vancouver for this fabulous Broadway show! Hairspray is already a timeless theatre that has won many awards as well as people's hearts. Hairspray smashed Box Office records and has toured to great critical acclaim. The moving story will unfold in a medley of songs, outfits, dancing and amusing dialogue that will have every audience member smiling, singing and laughing along, with the more moving moments reminding everyone of important lessons in life. From the feel good yet layered characters, to the unforgettable songs, the dizzying dance routines and bright costumes, you will join in and dance and sing along. Hairspray features some of the most loved hit songs in the musical world, with tracks, such as Welcome to the 60's, being instantly recognized from their opening bars. We stop enroute at the mall in North Vancouver with time to wander and grab a quick meal. After the show we will stop again for food before heading to the ferry. Meals are not included in the trip fee so prepare to pack food, purchase a meal or eat on board the ferry. Bring your water bottle, pack snacks and a blanket and dress comfortably for this all day trip!



General Day Trip Information

Registration Register at the Filberg or Lewis Centre in person or by phone. Registration for **new trips** start on the 1st Tuesday of the month. 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.

Membership Any person participating in a day or overnight trip from the Evergreen Club must have a current membership.

Be Comfortable! Bring water, snacks, or a blanket as needed for travelling. No scented products please. Wear your nametag!

Hairspray Refund Policy

Full refund if cancellation before Friday March 8th

Refunds after Friday March 8th: If filled from the waitlist: full refund. If not filled from the waitlist: 50% refund only.

EVERGREEN CLUB APRIL ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Check the newsletter, bulletin board or your Activity Club Rep for 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 Filberg Centre	Slo Pitch 9:00 am-12:00 pm Lewis Park Starts April 16 th	Heartstrings 9:30 am Rotary Hall	Brazilian Embroidery 9 am -12 pm Craft Rm	Slo Pitch 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lewis Park
Canasta 9:00 am - 11:30 am EG Lounge	Fabric Arts 9:30 am Craft Room	Cycling Group 10:00 am Filberg Centre	Bean Bag Toss 10 am Back Rotary Hall	Golf See p. 11 for start info at "The Park" in Comox 9 am
Table Tennis 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Rotary Hall	Crib 10 am Back Rotary Hall	Golf See p. 11 for start info at "The Park" in Comox 9 am	Gospel Singalong 10:30 am Soroptomist Lounge	Bingo 1 pm Back Rotary Hall
Hand Quilters 12:15 pm Craft Room	Darts 10:30 am Front Rotary Hall	Mexican Train 1 pm EG Lounge	Camera Club (1st & 3rd Thur.) 12 - 1 pm & 1 -2 :30 Front Rotary Hall	Choristers 10:30 - 12 noon Front Rotary Hall
Social Dance Club 2x Month (see p. 13) 12:30 pm Conference Hall	Mahjong 12:30 - 3 pm Back Rotary Hall	Chess 1 pm Craft Room	Art Club 12:30 - 3:30 Craft Room	Texas Hold'em 12:30 pm Front Rotary Hall
Book Club 1st Monday 1 -2 pm Except stats	Horseshoes 1 pm Lewis Park Starts May 7 th	Scrabble 1 pm Sept - May Soroptomist Lounge	Bridge 12:30 - 3:30 pm Back Rotary Hall	Friday Craft Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge
Writers Club Last Monday 12:30 pm Soroptomist Lounge	Carpet Bowling 1pm Conference Hall	Improv Club 2 nd & 4 th Wed 1 pm Rotary Hall	Trivia 1 pm - 3 pm Soroptomist Lounge	Lacemakers 2nd & 4th Friday 1:30 - 4 pm Craft Room
The "Jam" 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Rotary Hall	Stamp Club (2 nd Tues) 12:30 pm Soroptomist Lounge	Meet & Greet (Singles) 1st Wednesday 1pm Rotary Hall Sept -June	Euchre Club 1:00 pm EG Lounge	Fri. Night Dances Rotary Hall 7:30pm See p. 8 for schedule
Drama Club 3 - 5 pm See p. 11 Conference Hall	Knit & Crochet Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge	Karaoke Rotary Hall April 17 th 1 pm	Walk & Talk 1 pm See newsletter	
Whist 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Rotary Hall	Recorder 1:30 pm Craft Room Sept -June	Floor Curling Native Sons Hall Grand Hall 1 pm Oct-April	Horseshoes 1pm Lewis Park Spring/Summer	
	Ukulele Group (2 nd & 4 th Tuesday) 3:30 Rotary Hall	Supper Club Monthly See newsletter for info	Genealogy Club 3rd Thurs 1 - 3 pm Conference Hall	
	Social Bridge 6:45 pm - 10 pm Rotary Hall		Table Tennis 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm Rotary Hall	

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