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MARCH 2024

The Evergreen Club Monthly Newsletter



Camera Club Winner Theme : Close Up Photography by Mae MacKenzie

President's Message

Submitted by Gord Kruger Evergreen Club President

Greetings Everyone!!!.....so quickly it seems that another month has passed us by. February of 2024 was a special kind of month because it had that one extra day and that meant it was a "Leap Year". Those amongst us whose birthday falls on February 29th finally had another birthday and became four years older since the last one in 2020. But the beauty of that is that they need not fret another until 2028.....or so the story goes. I think I'm a little off here but that's my story and I'm sticking to it. In actual fact or what may be considered scientific fact, leap year is simply a calendar year that contains an additional day and it all has to do with variations in the earth's rotation period. I'm going to stop here on discussing this further because I feel like I may be getting into something I may not be able to get out of. However there is a multitude of information on line that will keep the curious amongst us busy for hours.....check it out as it is all quite interesting.

Now it's onward and forward to things that make our club the special place that it is. Our "Special Events" are a very important part of who we are and what we do. Our Executive Committee Members are always looking for new and exciting ideas to mould an activity around. We have put together some great happenings over the years and we want to carry on.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Closed for Easter Holidays
Friday March 29th & Monday April 1st

EG Executive Committee

Mon. March 11th 10:00 am

Friday Night Dances

March 1, 8, 15, 22 Rotary Hall 7:30 pm

St. Patrick's Day Party

Thur. March 14th 1:00 pm EG Lounge

Armchair Travel Wells Grey Tours

Fri. March 22nd 9:00 am Conference Hall

New Members' Welcome

Friday March 22 10:30 am Craft Room

Easter Turkey Dinner

Wed. March 27th 11:30 am



EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

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Evergreen Club Executive Committee

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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 March 20th.

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

President's message continued...

There is planning ongoing to see some great events materialize over the next couple of years....and we are always looking for new ideas....and always looking for those members who might like to be part of the process. If you are one of those people who would like to be part of this please step forward.

Activity clubs are another integral part of our Evergreen Club and several of our "SEASONAL ACTIVITY CLUBS" are prepping for a busy season. Golf, Horseshoes, and Slo-Pitch will be starting soon. Member appreciation events are very important part of Evergreen life and after a very successful Valentines Day party we are now gearing up for a St. Patrick's Day Party complete with live music. This will take place in the lounge on Thursday March 14th. After that it's the "Members Easter Turkey Dinner on Wednesday March 27th. Also want to mention a special trip that is upcoming. On Sunday April 7th we are traveling to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre in Vancouver to see "Hairspray The Musical". All of the details for this event are provided in this newsletter. This is a special opportunity to see a fabulous Broadway show.

I go now but just before I do.....Look forward to your next birthday as Birthdays Are Good For You.....statistics show that people who have the most, live the longest.....AND.....When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you are getting old.

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

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dates, events and news.



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

EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

A NOTE FROM JANET

We are heading into spring and I am enjoying the longer days with hopes for much more sunshine! I love getting up when it is light and getting home before it is dark. I love time to walk the beaches and putter in the garden. This past weekend I was able sit outside on the deck and read during a brief interlude of sun.

I have a bit of news to share with you. As you may know, the Evergreen Club and Building Friendships (an inclusion program I also manage) are Courtenay Recreational Association (CRA) programs. I am the Executive Director of the CRA which is a registered non-profit. Starting mid-March I will be reducing my work hours from 40 per week to 32 per week. This means I will not be here one day (or two half days) each week. These hours will not be formally scheduled but rather I will book off according to the requirements of the organization in balance with my personal time needs. If you need to talk to me in person on a time sensitive matter perhaps check first before dropping by. Typically I will be away on a Monday or Friday. We now have increased the work hours for Paula, our bookkeeper, and expanded her role to take on some tasks that I used to do. She is now doing behind the scenes admin work such as Special Events financial reports, staff benefits, vacation & sick leave tracking (HR for our seven CRA employees), grant support, BC Gaming (licences, tracking and formal reports). For Activity Club financial matters and Petty Cash, you can go see Paula in her office in the Computer Room (opposite the bathrooms) Tuesday thru Friday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm.

The Special Events Committee met again in February and are working hard on a wide variety of upcoming events. They have some great new ideas and new approaches for our annual events. We are working on another Rock & Roll Pub Night, making inquiries about engaging Kenny Shaw for a fundraising concert, striking a committee for our September Open House, and looking at changes to our Craft Fair. There are several brand new suggestions for events for this year and next!

Our Day Trip Program continues to be popular. Our small group trips are often full in the first few days after registration opens, but then occasionally we have to cancel for lack of registrations. If you have any suggestions for day trips please talk to Cathy or I. We'd like some new ideas! For short overnight trips I am hoping to work with a travel agent that can arrange custom trips for our organization. Our previous travel agents retired! This month we are hosting Wells Gray Tours on March 22nd. Come see what Wells Gray offers, it is sure to be an interesting session for those of you looking for travel opportunities. And there is the possibility that Wells Grey can arrange custom trips for the Evergreen Club so I would love to hear your impressions of their local and international trips.

Whatever you choose to do at the Evergreen Club always feel free to come chat with me with questions, ideas, feedback or concerns.

Cheers, *Janet*

Thank you for your contribution
to the Evergreen Club
Contingency Fund



Floor Curling \$500
Bean Bag \$100
Carpet Bowling \$500
Quilters \$500

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

Need Help with your Income Tax Return?

Once again the Evergreen Club will be 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 starts on Wednesday March 6th and runs Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:45 pm throughout March and April. This program is for community members (any age) that have a modest income and a simple return. More information is available on an information sheet in the Filberg lobby.

EVERGREEN CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS

Evergreen Club Members

St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Thursday March 14
1:00pm
Evergreen Lounge

Come enjoy some fun festive Irish music with Heather Sprout and Perry Johnson at our free members St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

Get in the festive mood and wear green!



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Armchair Travel Wells Grey Tours

Hosted by the Evergreen Club
Join for a fun morning to talk everything TRAVEL!

Friday, March 22nd, 2024
9:00 am to 10:00 am
Conference Hall, Filberg Centre

Join us for a delightful morning to delve deeper into the exciting adventures planned by Wells Grey Tours for 2024 & 2025 and be prepared for a chance to win some fantastic prizes!

Coffee, tea & a treat will be served.

Evergreen Club FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

7:30 pm Rotary Hall
Filberg Centre

- March 1st Double Play
- March 8th The Amigos
- March 15th Night Life & Friends
- March 22nd The Amigos
- March 29th No dance

Admission at the door
Members \$10 Non Members \$12
Coffee/tea /cookies included.

Non alcoholic beverages
available for purchase.



Prospective & New Members' Welcome Friday March 22nd

Join us in the Craft Room on the main floor
(tucked behind the lounge)
on Friday March 22nd at 10:30 am.

Come a few minutes before 10:30 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.



CATHY'S CORNER

Our free members events have been growing in popularity. There was not an empty seat in the house during the Valentine's Day party. A HUGE thank you to the incomparable Greg DuSchutter for thoroughly entertaining our guests. The lounge was filled with love and joy while everyone was treated to 1.5 hours of Greg's showmanship.

If you would like to catch another free member's event, you are in luck! The next free event is just around the rainbow! The St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be on Thursday, March 14th. Island Time, featuring Heather Sprout and Perry Johnson will entertain us with their beautifully blended vocals. There is sure to be some shenanigans as Perry has been known to have a bit of the blarney to throw in.

Is it just me or is Easter coming early this year? Does this also mean we will get an early spring? Maybe not, but our Easter turkey dinner is definitely coming early. This year it will be on Wednesday, March 27th. This event often sells out, so avoid disappointment and make sure to get your ticket early!

"Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing, because he could only do a little". Edmund Burke

Cathy
Volunteer & Special Event Coordinator

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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.

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?

I am 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. Intrigued? 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.

Roadie

Our sound technician is looking for some assistance with the set up for special events. Tasks include moving equipment, running extension cords and securing them to the floor. No experience required. This position is flexible, the commitment can be as little as less than once a month, and works around your schedule.

Sound Assistant

Do you have an interest in sound? We are looking for someone who would like to learn how to operate the sound board, for karaoke, drama and other Evergreen Special events. No experience required as training is provided but an eagerness to learn is a must. A background in music is an asset.

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.

A smiling sun
means a surprise
hot lunch
special!



EVERGREEN CLUB KITCHEN NEWS & MORE

March Lunch Specials

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|--|--|----------|--|
| | | | | 1 Hamburgers <i>GF option avail.</i> |
| 4 | 5 Lasagna <i>GF option avail.</i> | 6  | 7 | 8 Shepherd's Pie |
| 11 | 12 Cabbage Rolls | 13  | 14 | 15 Pizza <i>GF option avail.</i> |
| 18 | 19 Ruebens | 20  | 21 | 22 Beef Dip |
| 25 | 26 Chicken Cordon Bleu <i>GF option avail.</i> | 27 Turkey Dinner \$15 <i>Buy your tickets at Reception early!</i> | 28 | 29 CLOSED Statutory Holiday |

EASTER TURKEY DINNER

Wed. March 27th

Tables will be called up starting at 11:30 am
Join us for our famous turkey dinner with all the trimmings!

Pre sale Tickets \$15
Available at Reception

For Members & Members' Guests



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.

Hot Specials

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

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.

MORE EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS



Miriam's Muse St. Patrick's 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. In honor of St. Patrick's Day here are some limericks from Miriam's expansive collection.



There was a young lady from Berlin,
Who was so uncommonly thin,
That when she attempted
To drink a lemonade
She slipped through the straw and fell in.

There was a man dining at a fancy do,
Found a large mouse in his stew.
Said the waiter, "Don't shout
And wave about,
Or the rest will be wanting one too!"



There was an old man from Peru,
Who dreamed he was eating his shoe.
He awoke in the night,
And turned on the light
And found it was perfectly true.



Miriam comes dressed to celebrate and Cathy always plans a great party!



The Members' Birthday Contest
Winner for February is
Len Hadley

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.

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 Cathy.

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

Jan can answer questions, help you keep up your skills and learn new things!



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

The Art Group

Well the days are getting longer, so now there is more daylight available for painting and drawing! The Art Group is totally inspired and is busy painting subjects such as beaches, streams and spring flowers, oh and a few other things like autumn leaves. This past month we had our paintings on display in the Evergreen Lounge and would really like to thank Mr. Greg DeShutteror for using our amazing art work for his backdrop while hosting the very successful Valentine's Day lunch. I am sure it was hard to focus on Greg with such a background. And we do hope you took the time to take a closer look!



Anyway, we meet on Thursday afternoons in the Craft Room, do drop by and say hi.

Cheers, jane

Bean Bag Toss

Bean Bag Toss, a new weekly game at the Evergreen Club started in October. We play 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!

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 February meeting were:

- Wait for Me, Santa Montefiore
- The Berry Pickers, Amanda Peters
- Change, Mo Yan
- Hot Springs Drive, Lindsay Hunter
- This Other Eden, Paul Harding
- The Rose Code, Kate Quinn
- Our Missing Hearts, Celeste Ng
- Jameela Green Ruins Everything, Zarqa Nawaz
- My Sweet Girl, Amanda Jayatissa
- The Trackers, Charles Frazier



Our next meeting will be Monday, March 4th at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre upstairs in the Soroptimist Room. 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).

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.



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

March league play will continue Tuesdays at 1PM and drop in on Thursdays at 1PM. Please arrive about 15 minutes before so teams can be set for a 1PM start time. No bowling on March 14th & March 19th.

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

We are starting to rehearse for our big show in June, the songs are mostly assigned and people are getting excited. We went to the good old hockey game on Saturday night and did our usual song. Mary Bittroff and friends will be starting a weekly sing-a-long at Glacierview Lodge on Monday mornings at 10:30 on March 4th. Contact her at 604-740-8123 for more info.

Cribbage

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



Cycling

This January / February has been very well attended for our weekly club rides. Safety is our first priority. All cyclists wear appropriate helmets, and most wear high visibility vests or jackets. As far as the roads, we mostly ride on rural roads and some trails. Rides are cancelled if snowy or icy conditions. Second priority is comfort. The Cycling motto is "There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad gear". We ride warm and happy.

We meet every Monday and Wednesday 10 am at the Filberg, ride an easy pace, 25 to 35 k, with rest stops and sometimes coffee. Usually back at the Filberg by noon. We are always welcoming new members. Please 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. We ask everyone to be here by 10:15 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: Steve- 100, Jen- 101, Lorene- 102, Kybor- 103, Dennis- 108, Lynn- 108, Dave- 108, Val- 113, Lyle- 117, Jim- 119, Bob-121, Wayne- 121, Linda-133, Maria- 134
High checkout: Steve- 49, Brian- 61

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

Euchre

Note: Thur. March 14 will in the Rotary Hall due to an evnt in the EG Lounge.

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

For the coming months we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. On the third Mondays of every month we will be having acting workshops.

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

Happy New Year golfing friends. I hope you have had a good winter and now it's that time of year to get out those clubs, clean them up, tidy up the golf bag and take stock of any needed supplies. Consider getting out to one of the driving ranges and begin to prepare your golf muscles for the coming season. Take care not to overdo it on that first day. Once again, The Park will be hosting us for the 2024 season and they are hoping to open about the middle of March, but we will keep you posted, because of course, Mother Nature will determine when the golf course opens and she has been very unpredictable this winter.

We welcome Robert N. to our Executive Committee as Treasurer; thank you for saying "yes" Robert! Recently Dixon (President), Robert and I (Joy, Secretary) met to lay out a tentative plan for the 2024 season. The plan: a mid-season and end of season tournament; two out-of-town tournaments at Brigadoon and Mt. Arrowsmith; outings to some of the local courses. These extra games will be held on Mondays when possible and dates will be announced once we have made the necessary contacts.

Our golf club is always eager to welcome new members; the cost is \$20.00 for the season. (Approximately April to the end of September). Of course, green fees and cart rental payments will be paid to The Park Golf Course on Anderton Road. Membership in our golf group requires an Evergreen Club membership, which can be purchased at the office in the lower level of the Filberg Center. Please bring your membership card with you to the golf course to sign up with our golf group.

For more information about membership, please call Joy (250-941-2643) or Robert (1-250-899-2617). Teams are formed by draw, giving folks a chance to get to know each other. Team selection starts at 9:00 sharp, with tee-off(s) beginning immediately. We look forward to seeing you all in the next few weeks!

Fabric Arts

For more information on our Fabric Arts group check out the article on page 6 under Spotlight on an Evergreen Club. Join us Tuesdays in the Craft Room starting at 9:30 am. Everyone welcome!



Friday Night Dance

We look forward to seeing you, ALL coming into the Rotary Hall. ALL smiles and ready to dance. We welcome New Members who want to see what we are wanting to share with everyone. So put on your dancing shoes and meet us there. Doors open at 6:30pm and music starts at 7:30pm in the Rotary Hall at the Filberg Centre. Admission at the door is \$10 for Members and \$12 for Non-members. (Band Schedule p.4)

Dance Reps Peggy and Mary

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!

Genealogy

Our February meeting was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. It looks like DNA researching is currently a "hot topic". The next meeting promises to be just as interesting, so we're waiting to welcome you Thursday March 21, at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room (stage end). As always you can find us in the Lounge at noonish for a little socializing. Don't forget to check our Facebook page, Evergreen Seniors Genealogy Club.

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Gospel Sing Along

The Gospel Singalong has moved up in the world! Song leader Jacqui Graham and pianist Mary Bittroff invite you to check out our comfy new digs in the Soroptimist Lounge at the top of the stairs. You'll find us there every Thursday morning from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Come to sing, or just kick back and listen to the grand old hymns and the melodious harmonies. Bring a friend!



Improv Club

Improv is the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. Every session brings laughter, silliness and a lot of spontaneous fun. Everyone welcome. More Info? Call Mary at 250-703-0315.

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.

The "Jam"

Every Monday (except holidays) from 2:30-4:30 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.

Karaoke

Chase away the dreary winter with the Karaoke group on Wednesday March the 13th! Listen to others sing popular songs from times past and favourites from more recent times. And should you choose to sing after listening for a while, simply choose a song, write the number down on the card provided and ask Sandy to add you to the list. Then sing when your turn rolls around. It's always okay sing by yourself, grab someone to sing with or to sing with the singer on some of the discs. We never pressure people to sing and we're always glad for an audience if you want to just listen. Whatever your choice is, our club's goal is to provide a friendly atmosphere where you can enjoy an afternoon of music and fun. Sandy is always glad to welcome you and help you if you're new to Karaoke or have questions. Sally brings the words and music up on the Karaoke machine for singers. And Allan operates the sound system and makes each singer sound his or her best. Music begins at 1 pm. However, you can drop in any time before our session ends at 3:30 pm. We don't charge a fee and you'll find us in The Conference Room (usually) on the third Wednesday (subject to change so always check the newsletter) of any month!



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. Please arrive by 12:15 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

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Meet & Greet - Singles

Thank you June and Phyllis for stepping up to co-chair February's meeting, due to my absence. We welcomed four new members. February's meeting was Show and Tell, seven members brought something of interest. Such as little models of a spinning wheel and loom... gorgeous weaving from the former Yugoslavia Croatia. A tiny toy singer sewing machine and much, much more. Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 6th at 1pm, in the back half of the Rotary Hall, enter from the EG Lounge/ Dining Room.

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 miclayers@gmail.com

Scrabble

Wednesdays in the Soropotomist Room 1 pm. All skill levels welcome. Come enjoy a friendly game and meet new people too!

Supper Club

The Supper Club had a great attendance at the Irish Pub in February. Everyone had a great supper and a good time talking and having a fun time. We will be meeting at Smithy's, 1747 Comox Ave on Wednesday the 13th of March at 5 pm. A great menu and good service, pay for your meal and a tip you are comfortable leaving. Hope to see all of you there. (Signup sheet on the bulletin board in the lounge) Phil Parmely 250 897 1749

Social Dance Club

Join us in the Conference Hall on Monday March 11th & 25th 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 Thursday 5:30 pm to 8:45 pm

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

Slo Pitch

Good weather ahead means for great times at the ballpark! For those that are new to the Evergreen Club and want to be a part of the game, come on out and give SloPitch a try. As for those that have played in the league in the past, we look forward to getting reacquainted. Keep your eyes open for the news of the start-up of this year's season. For more information you can contact: hmdyas@outlook.com 250-465-8503

Table Tennis Monday

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 11:30-1:30 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

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

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!

Ukulele Club

First a big shout out to all the Ukulele Club members who came out on February 2nd to celebrate National Ukulele Day. See photo in this newsletter. The audience was thrilled by your playing. And judging by the crowd's reaction I anticipate that March will see yet another spike in new members joining our club. In terms of popularity ukulele playing is the pickle ball of musical instruments. But unlike pickle ball new members will not have to hunt for a place to play; we always have room for new players. Come and check us out.

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 diverse group of people who enjoy getting out for a walk, even in the rain. Our walks generally last 1 – 2 hours, and we usually go for coffee afterwards. New walkers are always welcome!

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

Mar. 7th Salmon Point. Meet at Vanier Sports Complex for carpooling.

Mar. 14th Morrison Greenway. Meet at Canadian Tire for carpooling. This trail has steep hills.

Mar 21st No walk scheduled.

Mar. 28th Airpark, lead by Carl. Meet at waterfront parking area on Millard Rd./Sandpiper Drive.

Maree 250-702-9666 mclepine08@gmail.com



A small group of ukulele players from the Evergreen Ukulele Club thrilled folks at Marina Park with some lively tunes in celebration of International Play Your Ukulele Day February 2.

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 off site TBA.)

Whist

We are here to have fun and enjoy a night with friends. So for those who are thinking of coming out we welcome you and your friends. We start Monday play at 7 pm, and play 20 hands, finishing at about 9:15 then have some cookies and coffee or tea and some interesting chat. It all comes with a \$2 entry which if you are lucky you might win it back. Enjoy the upcoming spring.

See you at whist, Norm-Judy

Writers' Group

Anyone interested in writing is welcome to join us at our next meeting on Monday March 25th from 12:30-2 pm in the Soroptomist Lounge. All styles are welcome, bring something to share if you like!



EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBERS' DAY TRIPS

Registration for **NEW** trips opens on **Tues. March 5th**

Goats and The Final Approach

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Depart: 10:30 am Upper Florence Filberg

Return: 3:30 pm Upper Florence Filberg

Cost: \$65.00 includes bus and bus driver tip

Lunch not included

It's that time of the year again. One of our favorite places to visit has reopened for Spring! But first let's check out something brand new. Did you know you can enjoy a lovely meal at the Qualicum Airport while watching planes take off and land? The Final Approach Restaurant is a little hidden gem that will host our lunch. Following lunch, we head to Coombs where you will have free time to explore the many quaint shops.

NEW

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.

Hairspray the Musical Queen Elizabeth Theatre Vancouver

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 included
(No meals included)

Seating is in left centre section rows 11 -17

Trip Ideas Under Discussion

Texada Island Explorer

Englishman Falls Summer Picnic

Miracle Beach Picnic

Chemainus Theatre : Dolly Parton

Sail to the Symphony

Gabriola Island Explorer

Milner Gardens Tea & Tour

Overnight or Multi Day Trips

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!



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 ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

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

Monday

Cue Sports
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Cycling Group
Meets at 10:00 am
Filberg Centre

Canasta
9:00 am - 11:30 am
EG Lounge

Table Tennis
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Rotary Hall

Hand Quilters
12:15 pm
Craft Room

Social Dance Club
2x Month (see p. 13)
12:30 pm
Conference Hall

Book Club
1st Monday 1 -2 pm
Except stats

Writers Club
4th Monday 12:30 pm
Soroptomist Lounge

The "Jam"
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Rotary Hall

Drama Club
3 - 5 pm See p. 11
Conference Hall

Whist
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Rotary Hall

*Thank you to the
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Tuesday

Cue Sports
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Slo Pitch
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Lewis Park
Starts late April

Fabric Arts
9:30 am Craft Room

Crib 10 am
Back Rotary Hall

Darts 10:30 am
Front Rotary Hall

Mahjong
12:30 - 3 pm
Back Rotary Hall

Horseshoes 1 pm
Lewis Park (Apr -Sept)

Carpet Bowling
1pm
Conference Hall

Stamp Club (2nd Tues)
12:30 pm
Soroptomist Lounge

Knit & Crochet Group
1 pm - 3 pm
EG Lounge

Recorder
1:30 pm Craft Room
Sept -June

Ukulele Group
(2nd & 4th Tuesday)
3:30 Rotary Hall

Social Bridge
6:45 pm - 10 pm
Rotary Hall

Wednesday

Cue Sports
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Heartstrings
9:30 am
Rotary Hall

Cycling Group
10:00 am
Filberg Centre

Golf
See p. 11 for start info
at "The Park"
in Comox 9 am

Mexican Train
1 pm
EG Lounge

Chess
1 pm Craft Room

Scrabble
1 pm Sept - May
Soroptomist Lounge

Improv Club
2nd & 4th Wed
1 pm Rotary Hall

Meet & Greet (Singles)
1st Wednesday 1pm
Rotary Hall Sept -June

Karaoke
Conference Hall
March 13 1 pm

Floor Curling
Native Sons Hall
Grand Hall 1 pm
Oct-April

Supper Club
Monthly
See newsletter
for info

Thursday

Cue Sports
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
6:30 pm -9:00 pm

Brazilian Embroidery
9 am -12 pm Craft Rm

Bean Bag Toss
10 am
Back Rotary Hall

Gospel Singalong
10:30 am
Soroptomist Lounge

Camera Club
(1st & 3rd Thur.)
12 - 1 pm & 1 -2 :30
Front Rotary Hall

Art Club 12:30 - 3:30
Craft Room

Bridge 12:30 - 3:30 pm
Back Rotary Hall

Trivia 1 pm - 3 pm
Soroptomist Lounge

Euchre Club 1:00 pm
EG Lounge

Carpet Bowling
1 pm Conference Hall

Walk & Talk 1 pm
See newsletter

Horseshoes 1pm
Lewis Park
Spring/Summer

Genealogy Club
3rd Thurs 1 - 3 pm
Conference Hall

Table Tennis
6:00 pm - 8:45 pm
Rotary Hall

Friday

Cue Sports
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
(most weeks)

Slo Pitch
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Lewis Park
Starts late April

Golf
See p. 11 for start
info at "The Park"
in Comox 9 am

Bingo
1 pm
Back Rotary Hall

Choristers
10:30 - 12 noon
Front Rotary Hall

Texas Hold'em
12:30 pm
Front Rotary Hall

Friday Craft Group
1 pm - 3 pm
EG Lounge

Lacemakers
2nd & 4th Friday
1:30 - 4 pm
Craft Room

Fri. Night Dances
Rotary Hall 7:30pm



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