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President's Message

Submitted by Gord Kruger Evergreen Club President

Greetings Everyone!!! It's November and it sure felt like it out there over the last few dying days of October. I'm writing this report the day before Halloween so I can't comment on the Halloween weather but the snow that magically appeared a few days ago would indicate that anything is possible. I have been in this marvelous valley for many years now and I can't remember many, if any, times that we've had snow before Halloween. But I guess with all this climate nonsense going on these days, one could, and one should, expect just about anything in terms of weather. But let's move on to other things.

It has been a busy fall season at the Evergreen. We are growing as an organization and are now approaching 2000 members. The last number that I heard was 1951 members but we seem to be in constant growth mode and I expect that we will reach the 2000 mark soon. COVID played a very large role in our numbers and we dropped considerably during that time period but now it's onward and forward to bigger and better things. Are we ready???.....you bet we are. We have "Activity Clubs" galore.....there is something for anyone and everyone. For our newer members or our prospective members, I'm sure you will find the club or clubs you are looking for.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Closed Mon. Nov. 13th

EG Executive Committee

Mon. Nov. 6th 9:00 am

Activity Club Reps Meeting

No meeting in November

New Members' Welcome

Fri. Nov. 17th 10:30 am

Friday Night Dances

Nov. 3, 17, 24 Rotary Hall 7:30 pm

Music of the War Years

Tues. Nov. 7th 1 pm

**Christmas Craft Market
& Bake Sale**

Wed. Nov. 15th 10 am - 2 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 **December newsletter by Wednesday November 22nd.**

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

President's message continued...

Our recent Rock n' Roll Pub Night was a sellout and by all accounts went over very well and as a fundraiser for the club it was a success. We raised about \$1000 for the Evergreen Club which always helps us in our our operations to keep you all happy. Many thanks to Janet for all her efforts in organizing it and many thanks to all those who attended.

A couple of upcoming events that will be of interest to you are "The Music Of The War Years" production on Tuesday November 7th and "The Evergreen Club Christmas Craft Market and Bake Sale" on Wednesday November 15th. Both of these events are fundraisers for our Evergreen Club. Upcoming December events will include the Comox Valley Concert Band, the Drama Club's Scattered Skits and the New Years Eve Party. Tickets for these December events will go on sale in early November. Our "Trip Program" continues to evolve and a couple of good ones are scheduled in November. "Shop, Dine and Roll The Dice" is scheduled for Tuesday November 14th and "Tulalip Resort Getaway Seattle" is set to go from November 19th to November 21st. A scheduled December trip is called "Butchart Gardens at Christmas" and is set for Tuesday December 12th & 13th. Details for all of these trips are included in this newsletter.

That's about a wrap kids.....just remember to "Accept what is..... let go of what was.....and have faith in what will be". It will make your life so much better!!

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 Fall. The 1st place and 2nd place winners are used for The Evergreen Club's newsletter .



LIKE and Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates, events and news.

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

EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

A NOTE FROM JANET

We are full on at the Evergreen Club this fall and our Evergreen Club staff are often on fast forward! But that doesn't mean we don't have time to chat and hear what is going on with your clubs, feedback on events or trips and of course any concerns or compliments! As you know my door is always open and the best part of my job is talking with people. Please drop in anytime.

I was excited to organize and host our Rock & Roll Pub Night in October. It was such a fun evening and we will definitely do it again. The dance floor was very very active and it was quite a sight to see so many people doing the Monster Mash! Thanks to the band "Overboard" for keeping us rocking and rolling for three sets and to the many volunteers who made the night a big success. Over \$1000 was raised for the Evergreen Club.

Next up is the Music of the War Years organized by two of our volunteers, Bridget & Gary. This special event, presented by the Evergreen Club, is a revue of songs popular to our soldiers, sailors, and flyers from the First World War to Afghanistan. A great program is planned with appearances from the Singing Sistars, the Choristers, Greg DeSchutter and others. Veterans are free! The show runs from 1-3 pm on Tues. Nov. 7, 2023.

Be sure to check out our Christmas Craft Market & Bake Sale on Wed. Nov. 15th. All proceeds support Evergreen Club operations. There will be a good variety of independent vendors as well as our Evergreen Club tables with items made and donated by our own activity clubs and members. We will be accepting donations of baking and handmade crafts to sell. Maybe stay for lunch or a snack before or after visiting the market?

See you at the club!

Janet



Want to Check Out the Evergreen Club?

Prospective members are welcome to drop in and check out any activities for free. If you would like more information about a specific activity before dropping by you can contact the Volunteer Activity Rep. If their name and contact information is not listed in the newsletter please ask the office for the rep's phone number or email. Prospective members can visit once or twice before taking out an Evergreen Club membership.



Prospective & New Members

Information Session

Join us Friday, November 17th at 10:30 am in the Craft Room on the main floor (tucked behind the lounge). We will discuss all things Evergreen Club. This is a great chance for new or prospective members to learn about the club and the many activities offered. If you have a friend who has been considering joining the club, this is perfect place to start.

Evergreen Club FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES

- 7:30 pm Rotary Hall
Filberg Centre
- Nov. 3 Amigos
- Nov. 10 No Dance
- Nov. 17 Amigos
- Nov. 24 Double Play

Admission at the door
 Members \$10
 Non Members \$12
 Non alcoholic beverages
 available for purchase.

	2024 Memberships Now Available	
New Members Buy a new membership now and you get the rest of 2023 and all of 2024!		Current Members Renew for 2024 before Dec. 29 th and get \$5 off.
Evergreen Club Membership \$35 January – December		
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		

MORE EVERGREEN CLUB NEWS

Christmas Craft Market & Bake Sale

Wednesday November 15th 10 am to 2 pm

The Evergreen Club will be hosting a craft market and bake sale and we are inviting our Evergreen Club members and activity clubs to donate handmade items, crafts, art and baked goods for this fundraiser. Do you have any handmade jewelry, crafts, photography, art, jams, candy or baking that you can donate to our sale to help make this event in November a big success? All proceeds from donated items will support the Evergreen Club.

Calling All Bakers!

The Bake Sale at the Evergreen Club Christmas Craft Market is on Wednesday, November 15. We are looking for donations of homemade baked goods, treats and preserves to sell at our bake table. Please bring your donation to the Evergreen Lounge between **8:30 am & 4:30 pm on Tuesday, November 14 or before 10:00 am on Wednesday, November 15.** Donations should be packaged and ready to be sold.

Call Out for Display Items

We are looking for donations or items to borrow for the EG Christmas Craft Market. Items like cupcake towers, tiered stands, mug trees and baskets or other items that would work well to display items at the Market would be greatly appreciated.

Vendor Table Opportunity

Current Evergreen Members can rent a table to sell their homemade crafts, baking and preserves for only \$20 at our Craft Market. These tables allow vendors to keep their own revenue. Please register for your vendor table (6 foot banquet table - max 2 per person) at the Filberg Centre office.

Everyone Deserves a Smile (EDAS)

Everyone Deserves a Smile (EDAS) is a positive peace project started 19 years ago by a Puntledge school teacher. The project passionately educates students from Kindergarten to grade 12 on rehumanizing homelessness through compassion, education & homemade art projects, reaching out with love to those who are homeless at Christmas. You can help!

EDAS is requesting the following knitted items they can distribute in care packages: wool socks or part wool socks, toques (XL for men/neutral colours, medium for women), mitts/gloves (XL for men/neutral colours, med for women) & scarves. Watch for the donation bin on the main floor, in the reception area coming mid-November. This project cannot be a success without your help! Thank you!



The poster features a dark background with festive illustrations of hands holding a red gift box, a white envelope, and various holiday-themed items like a pine branch and a red flower. The text is white and red.

EVERGREEN CLUB

CHRISTMAS
CRAFT MARKET & BAKE SALE

A friendly market with a great variety of handmade items and baking

Wednesday, November 15
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Rotary Hall
Admission by donation
Lunch and tasty snacks available in the Evergreen Lounge

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club

Miriam's Muse



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.

When you're pushing 80, that's the only exercise you need.

By the time a person is old enough to watch his step, you are too old to go anywhere.

Age is a matter of mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Birthdays are good for you. Studies show people who have the most birthdays, live the longest!

Young at heart...slightly older in other places.

If things get better with age, I'm approaching magnificent.

Retirement... half the income, twice the husband.

EVERGREEN CLUB SPECIAL EVENTS

The
Evergreen Club
Presents...

Music of the War Years

A revue of popular songs!

Tuesday, November 7
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall
Tickets at the Filberg Centre office
Adults \$10
Veterans are free!

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club

Comox Valley Concert Band



SUNDAY DECEMBER 3
2:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall

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

Info: www.comoxvalleyconcertband.com

A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club

Evergreen Second Stage Players Present



Skattered Skits



**Tuesday Dec 5th &
Wednesday Dec 6th**
1:00 pm

Florence Filberg Centre, Conference Hall
Tickets at the Filberg Centre office or door \$10



A Tropical New Years Eve Party!

Sunday, December 31st
7:30 pm to 12:30 am
Florence Filberg Centre, Rotary Hall

Music for the dance provided by The AMIGOS. Sweet and
savory snacks on the break and a licenced bar with wine,
craft beers, cider & coolers. Table reservations for 8
or more

Tickets \$35/members, \$40/non-members,
limited tickets available. A fundraiser for the Evergreen Club



CATHY'S CORNER

Did you know the Evergreen Club hosts several free events for member each year? Member events are free because we like to build community within the club, and it's a perks that comes with your membership. These events include The Valentine's Day Party, St. Patrick's Day Party, Ice Cream Social and The Halloween Party. Members are allowed to bring one friend who is a perspective member, so they can see how much fun we have. This year's Halloween Party is thanks to Wayne and Peter who took on the role of hosts. They planned the Halloween trivia, name that tune, and the games. Keep an eye on the newsletter for all of the details of the our members' parties.

I think most of us would agree the heart and soul of the Evergreen Club is the Lounge. The Lounge would not be possible without the team of hard-working kitchen volunteers. We are always looking for new kitchen volunteers to take on a shift or two each week (or every second week), so, I thought I would share some of the perks to volunteering in the kitchen. During their shifts, kitchen volunteers receive free beverage and pastry for the opening/closing shift or soup/sandwich/salad and beverage for the lunch shift. As well as keeping our volunteers fed, we offer several other perks. Entry into draws for tickets at the Sid Williams Theatre, EG day trips and a free name tag. We also treat our kitchen volunteers to a Christmas lunch appreciation party (typically at the White Spot) in addition to the annual volunteer appreciation in April. The real perk is the relationships that grow between our volunteers and the sense of accomplishment giving back to the club. If joining the kitchen team is something that appeals to you, I would love to hear from you.

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give."
- Winston Churchill

Cathy Volunteer and Special Event Coordinator

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been meaning to start giving back to the club by volunteering? Than perhaps 2023 is the year! Read the Volunteer Call Out section 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. The caller of the week will typically only receive 1 phone call on their week.

Kitchen Volunteers We would love to have your help as part of our kitchen crew. Scheduled shifts are 2 or 3 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 also allow time to take a break and sit and enjoy a coffee and muffin with the other volunteers. Volunteering in the kitchen is a great way to meet new people and contribute to our club.

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 Club Special events. No experience is 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 Evergreen Club staff to ensure your event is successful.

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






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A smiling sun
means a surprise
hot lunch
special!



EVERGREEN CLUB KITCHEN NEWS & MORE

November Lunch Specials

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 	2	3 Pizza
6	7 Beef Stew	8 	9	10 Lasagna
CLOSED Statutory Holiday 	13 14 Turkey Shepherd's Pie	15 Christmas Market Special	16	17 Ruebens
20	21 Chicken a la King	22 	23	24 Cabbage Rolls
27	28 Borscht with Black Bread	29 	30	

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 and beverages.
Take home frozen entrees &
soups.

Hot Specials \$7.50

Typically served on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fri-
days starting at 11:30 am

We have launched some 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

Lending Library

All donations of paperback,
puzzles & DVDs can be left in a
bag
beside the Lending Library.
Our library volunteer will
organize them!

Where in the World Contest
The September winner is

Riki Jager

You can pick up your
prize
at reception!

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

The Art Group

Hope you all enjoyed our October display in the Evergreen Lounge – we tried to make it an autumnal theme but sadly artists often go off on tangents. But I smiled when I read the President’s Message last month where he said, and I quote “leaves are evolving into beautiful hues ... and beautiful landscapes of red, orange and yellow happen”. He should be in the Art Group!

This month we are featuring a relatively new member of our group, Judy Gray. Judy joined us after moving half way across the country from Ontario. Judy paints in oil, acrylic and watercolour. This particular painting is a water colour called Oh Buoy and was inspired by a visit to the East Coast - probably Peggy's Cove. She is also a keen landscape painter but frequently explores other genres including people, flowers, animals and, as seen here, the artistic sides of buildings.



Stay safe, cheers, Jane

Bean Bag Toss

NEW

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 and the small prizes! 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.

Bridge Thursday

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

Bridge Tuesday Night

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

Canasta

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

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 October 3rd meeting were:

Mrs. Van Gogh, Caroline Cauchi
Lives of the Stoics, Ryan Holiday
Lessons in Chemistry, Bonnie Garmus
Happiness Falls, Angie Kim
The Lost Vintage, Ann Mah
I'm Not Done with You Yet, Jesse Q. Sutanto

Palm Beach, Mary Adkins
Crow Lake, Mary Lawson
The Heights, Louise Candlish
The Music of Bees, Eileen Garvin
The Air Raid Book Club, Annie Lyons

Woman, Watching Louise de Kiriline Lawrence and the Songbirds of Pimisi Bay, Meryl Simonds

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 6th at 1 pm in the Florence Filberg Centre upstairs in the Soroptimist Room. Joyce

Choristers

We are in our last few practices for the Evergreen Club fundraiser, Music of the War Years, on Tues. November 7th. It is going to be great! As soon as we finish rehearsing for this show we will start practicing for our Christmas Carol Singalong. This will take place on December 8 at 10:30 in the Rotary Hall. We also sing out at the Glacier Kings hockey games on the last Saturday of the month, if you would like to participate see Mirium to sign up. See you soon.



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

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).

Carpet Bowlers

League play will continue Tuesdays at 1:00 PM with drop in Thursdays at 1:00 PM for anyone wanting to give carpet bowling a try. We are a very welcoming and friendly bunch! There will be no bowling November 2nd, 7th, 9th, 28th, and 30th.

Cue Sports

Change in the season has seen an up-tick in the number of users and the number of new faces. Winter Snooker League has been organized and was kicked off September 19th. This marks a post COVID restart of the team league. We have eight teams of four members each. Teams are structured so all have a similar average talent level. Summer billiards tournament play concluded in September with Alwyn Bishop reclaiming top spot.

A new, quality, 9' table for eight ball and many other games, has replaced the two smaller tables we have had for the past few years. This new equipment is thanks to the brightness (money from lights) of current and former members of Cue Sports. The Cue Sports Club has two snooker tables and an 8 Ball tables. Cues are available to use while in the room. The cost is 25 cents for 15 minutes. 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: John -102, Dick -103, William -107, Mary R -112, Wayne-116, Wanda- 116, Mike -116, Arnie -117, Kybor -118, Norma -120, Geoff -121, Bob-121, Brian- 129, Steve-134, William -140, Linda- 140, Terry -140, Dianne -154, Lyle- 171 (3 triple 19)
High checkout: Bob -42, Maureen -46, Steve -49, William -48, Wayne- 72, Linda 79

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

Cribbage

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

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!

Cycling

With winter now officially here we are staying closer to home. Monday & Wednesday group rides usually start at the Filberg 10 am weather permitting.

Although mid October we were blessed with a sunny day to do a trail loop around the Black Creek area (see picture)

Our group rides usually have 6 to 12 cyclists with e-bikes as well as a few regular bikes. Our cycling season does not end, but we will cancel rainy day rides and no rides in the ice or snow.

New cyclists are always welcome as it is a great way to enjoy the outdoors, explore our valley, and meet new friends.

If you want to try us out you can contact me by email (ejkimball62@gmail.com). Ernie Kimball



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Drama

The Drama club is working on their upcoming production "Scattered Skits". Come see us on Tues. Dec 5th & Wed. Dec 6th.

Euchre

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

Fabric Arts

Here at Fabric Arts, we are busily finishing off our many diverse projects for sale at the November Christmas Craft and Bake Sale on the 15th. We are very much looking forward to seeing you there.

Floor Curling

Floor curling is going strong every Wed. at 1 pm. in the upper Native sons Hall. New members are welcome. 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
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Friday Night Dance

Do you love music and does it make you feel like dancing. Well now, where can you go? Here, to the Evergreen Club. Great Bands come and play for us, so why not come and see why our regular dancers keep coming back to join us.

Dance Reps, Peggy and Mary

Gospel Sing Along

Do you enjoy those good old hymns and choruses? Then do drop in to the Gospel Singalong in the Rotary Hall, Thursdays from 10:30 -11:30 am. Join in the singing, or just drop by to listen to the glorious harmonies! Many thanks to Rosella for playing piano for us on Oct. 12 while Mary Bitroff was in Ontario visiting her family. Thanks also to Phil Parmley for stepping in to run the overhead projector when Loretta couldn't be there.

Warmly, Jacqui Graham (song leader)



Genealogy

We had a great meeting in October, and November will be even better. Don't miss out!! Next meeting will be Thursday, November 16, at 1 P.M., in the Conference Hall, (stage end). As always we will be socializing in the Lounge at noon-- please join us. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page "Evergreen Seniors Genealogy Club. This will be our last meeting of 2023, because for December we will enjoy a social event.

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 1pm - 3pm. (No charcoal or paint please). A few of us "make-to-donate", but you're completely free to do your own thing.

We'd love to give a new home to supplies you no longer need. Storage containers would be helpful as well. Fabric, (including top sheets), is especially welcome as L'arche needs both craft and kitchen aprons. Come, visit, have a natter, join in. Everyone welcome!

Golf

Sadly our season came to an end after our games during the first week of October. With wind and rain predicted for the following week, The Park was forced to close until Spring. But, they went out with a bang, by serving a most delicious Thanksgiving dinner over the three day weekend. Several of us from our club wined and dined, along with some friends. What a lovely way to end our season. Back in late September we held our annual tournament, followed by awarding of prizes and a yummy burger bar lunch and a delicious, huge cake from Thrifty Foods. Thank you to The Park for generously providing some "swag" for prizes. The grand winners this year are Irene M. and Bill R. Congratulations folks!

Our start-up in the spring will depend on when "The Park" opens, when the weather starts to dry up and warm up. We are hoping to grow our member numbers for the 2024 season. The wonderful thing about our Seniors' group is, you don't need to be a great golfer; it's really all about the camaraderie and being with a group of folks who enjoy the social atmosphere, while getting out in the fresh air and getting some exercise. Have a healthy and safe winter. See you in Spring 2024.

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

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 9:30am

The "Jam"

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

We have had guitars, ukuleles, bass, banjo, mandolin, harmonica, keyboard, a drum kit, soloists, and a wide variety of songs selected. To sing, it's preferred if you email the song title, the performer, your choice of key, and the U.G. version to jamezp@telus.net by the preceding Saturday. Jim will find your song and be ready for you when your turn comes. Bring your instrument (acoustic preferred) and play along at your own skill level. First visit free, and subsequently a \$2 donation to help cover equipment costs. Spectators free, welcome, and wanted.

Karaoke

Karaoke on Nov. 15th, 1-3:30 pm in the Conference Hall! Everyone welcome! Come when you can and leave when you must. Sing if you feel like it or simply come to listen and be entertained. There's never any pressure to sing. You can always pass when your turn comes up because those who know that it's fun to sing are usually ready with a song. However, should you come to listen and choose to sing later just let Sandy know so that she can slot you in. And if it's your first time for karaoke, be sure to tell her so that she can help you get started. The choice is always yours – you can sing alone, with others, or with the singer on the disc. No matter your singing experience, come and enjoy Karaoke! Singers choose a song title from an index book of popular familiar songs and write the number down on a card. Then, when it's their turn, go onstage and give the card to Sally at the Karaoke machine. After that, they step up to the mic and go for it! The words appear on the monitor when it's time to sing. And if the song turns out to be too high or too low, Sally can alter the machine so that it's in a different key. You can even get a PDF mailed to you at home so that you can choose songs ahead of time! Your hosts, Sandy and Allan, are waiting with a welcome on the third Wednesday of each month. Please take note that December's Karaoke is still taking place on the 20th. And that a good selection of Christmas songs will be available in addition to our regular selection.

Lacemakers

The lace making group continues to meet in the Craft Room on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. We welcome anyone interested in handmade lace (bobbin, tat, knit or crochet, eg.) to join us or just pop by anytime to see what we're doing!

Knit & Crochet

Join us around the table in the Evergreen Lounge on Tuesday afternoons starting at 1 pm. The club is now also meeting on Fridays afternoons to offer another opportunity to knit, crochet or craft and of course socialize.

Mah-Jong

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

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.

Meet & Greet - Singles

Thank you to our October's Guest Speakers Danny and Lynn from Courtenay Fire Rescue, who gave a well informed presentation on Fire Safety for Seniors.

Our next meeting is Wednesday November 1st at 1 pm. in the Rotary Hall. This is our 17th Birthday. Started by Miriam Piikkila, who is still very active at the Centre.

Our Guest Speaker for November is Lindsay Eason from Transit Outreach Educator for the Comox Valley Learn to Ride the Transit.

Elaine Kivela
250-941-2518



EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Mexican Train

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

Quilters

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

Recorder

The Trouble Clef Recorder Players meet every Tuesday afternoon at 130 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!

Social Dance Club

Join us on Mon. Nov. 20th and Mon. Nov. 27th Conference hall .

Supper Club

The supper club met at an Irish Pub in October with 17 members and had a great time. We will be going to Jo Klassens Grill on 15th of November at 5:00 pm for another night out with good food and great friends, Hope to see you there. Phil P

Table Tennis Monday

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

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



Photo by Wes

Table Tennis Thursday

5:30 pm to 8:45 pm.

Come and enjoy a fun filled 2.75 hrs of beyond recreational to competitive table tennis. If you are new to this activity, or haven't played for a while, some instruction can be provided within the first hour of our evening. Table tennis has a relatively low injury risk. 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 an hour or more 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. To join you'll need a 2023 Evergreen Club membership. There is a drop-in fee of \$1.00. We have paddles for those without. Balls are provided. For more info contact Dave Semple, mobile: 250-898-1224, or by email: 4sempleddave@gmail.com

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 Thursday which meets off site TBA.)



Some of the Trivia group dressed up for their last meeting in October.

Texas Hold'em Social

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

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITY CLUBS

Ukulele Club

As the trees loose their leaves and the stormy weather becomes our seasonal reality, we prepare ourselves for the winter that eagerly waits, chill'n in the wings, rubbing his frosty hands together waiting for his cue to sweep on stage swirling his cold slushy shroud around us. Is resistance futile? Must we bow to his icy embrace? Is there no defence? The answer is a musical YES. Music can take us for a warm Jamican Farewell, a hot time Under The Boardwalk or the gentle breezes of Blue Hawaii.

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 who meet every Thursday at 1:00pm to walk trails in and around the Valley. Walking time is 1.5 to 2 hours, and we usually go for coffee afterwards. New walkers are always welcome!

- Nov. 2 Williams Road Forest Trail. Meet at Vanier Sports Complex for carpooling.
- Nov. 9 Royston – Cumberland Railway Trail.
Meet in Canadian Tire parking lot for carpooling.
- Nov. 16 Bob Webb Trail. Meet at Vanier Sports Complex for carpooling.
- Nov. 23 Morrison Creek Nature Trail. This trail has some steep sections.
Meet at Canadian Tire parking lot for carpooling.
- Nov. 30 Goose Spit, walking down the stairs. Meet beside MacDonald Wood Park at the intersection of Torrence and Balmoral in Comox.

MAREE 250-702-9666 mclepine08@gmail.com



Whist

When this article comes out Judy and I will be off on a holiday and the whist club will be handled by Mark whom you all know. He has some help, but you're welcome to offer more.

At this time of the year we are planning our X-mas festivities which will be held on the 18th of December. There is lots to get together so a good time will be had by all. As always Whist is held on Monday nights, start at 7 pm until approx. 9 - 9:30 pm. We have many laughs as well as 20 good hands of cards. You might even be lucky enough to win a prize at the end of the night, so you can discuss it during coffee and snacks with home baked goods supplied by the players.

We are out to have fun and enjoy the night so come on out.

You are welcome. Norm-Judy

Writers Club NEW

The new Writers Circle will be meeting next on Monday November 27th and on Monday December 11th at 1 pm in the Soropotimist Room.

As this new creative writing group develops the members will decide on how often they would like to meet. This group is being set up to offer a safe, sharing environment with support and inspiration for writers. All skill levels welcome.



EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBERS' DAY TRIPS

Registration for **NEW** trips open on **Tues. Nov. 7th**

Shop, Dine & Roll the Dice

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Depart: 9:00 am Florence Filberg Upper Level

Return: 5:40 pm- Florence Filberg Upper Level

Cost: \$60.00 includes bus, tax and bus tip

This trip is built for flexibility. Our first stop is at Woodgrove Centre you can use this a drop off point to meet with family or spend an hour or the day at the mall. After 1 hour at the mall the bus will depart for Chances Casino, downtown Nanaimo. We will be at the casino for 2.5 hours. Enjoy a sit-down lunch at The Well Public House located in the casino or find a quick lunch at one of the fast food options steps away. The bus will stop at Woodgrove Centre on the way back for a final pick up before we head home.

Festive Bites & Lites

NEW

Date: Friday, December 1

Depart: 1:45 pm Filberg Centre Upper Level

Return: 8:00 pm Filberg Centre Upper Level

Cost: \$65.00 includes bus, tax, bus tip, and admission to Milner Gardens. No food or drinks included

This trip will help get you into the holiday spirit. Our first stop is a late lunch/early dinner at The Black Goose Pub which has become an Evergreen Bus trip favorite. The Black Goose is a British Style Pub overlooking Rath Trevor Beach in a cozy heritage building. Next we head to Milner Gardens to take in Milner Christmas Magic. Wander through the trails and see the many Christmas lights and festive displays. Make sure to bundle up for this trip!

Please Note

Milner Gardens is relatively flat but some paths are gravel and there is a fair amount of walking. Those with mobility issues should consider if this trip is the right fit for them.



It's A Wonderful Life A Live Radio Play

Chemainus Theatre

NEW

Date: Wednesday December 13, 2023

Depart: 8:45 am Filberg Centre - Upper Level

Return: 7:00 pm approx.

Cost: \$215.00 Includes coach bus, lunch, theatre tickets and all gratuities.

Lunch and Show! We will have lunch in the Playbill Dining Room with it wonderful assortment of appetizers, salads, main courses and desserts. After lunch there will be time for a short walk around downtown Chemainus before the 2 pm show.

Based on the beloved holiday movie with a clever twist: the story is staged as a live radio broadcast. Actors portray numerous characters and take on sound effects. George Bailey, a generous and well-meaning man, has become too downcast and tried to continue living. It will take help from a lovable angel to show George what life would be like if he wasn't born for George to have a change of heart and understand the true spirit of the holidays. Bring snacks, water and a blanket for travelling.

Cirque du Soleil

Save On Foods Centre, Victoria

NEW

Date: Sunday, January 14, 2024

Depart: 7:30 am Florence Filberg Building - Upper Level

Return: 7:30 pm approx. Florence Filberg Building- Upper Level

Cost: \$200 Includes bus, bus tips, bus taxes, and a ticket to Cirque du Soleil

Note: No meals, snacks or drinks are included in the price

Cirque du Soleil has announced its return to Victoria with a new production called Corteo. Corteo is a joyous procession, a festive parade imagined by a clown. The show brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of fun, comedy and spontaneity situated in a mysterious space between heaven and earth. Trip includes transportation, and tickets to the show. We will stop for brunch at White Spot in Duncan on the way to Victoria, and fast food stop for dinner mid-way on the return trip home. We have a limited amount of seats reserved for those who have trouble with stairs. Please let the reception know if you would like one of these seats. Also, please note, in order for us to confirm our tickets, the deadline to book this trip is Friday, December 1. After that date you can ask to be added to the waitlist.

EVERGREEN CLUB MEMBERS' MULTI DAY TRIPS

Tulip Resort Getaway Seattle

Presented by Square1 Travel & The Evergreen Club

Dates: Sunday, Nov 19th to Tuesday Nov. 21th

Cost: \$599 per person Double Occupancy
\$799 Single Occupancy

Payment due in full at time of booking. Refundable up to November 1st, after this date 100% non-refundable.

Join our fun fall getaway to the TULALIP RESORT & CASINO. Enjoy a two night stay with daily breakfast. Visit to the Hibulb Cultural Centre. There will be plenty of time for shopping at the Premium outlet mall next door, and there will be an Elvis Tribute performance! Also included is a \$20 US Free Play and a \$25 US Dining Gift card. Trip Flyer is available at reception.

The Evergreen Club has 20 seats on this trip and we will be joining other people on this tour. Tour host for trip is from Square1 Travel. Square1 Travel will contact all registrants with more information about departure and return times at the Filberg Centre.

Butchart Gardens at Christmas

Presented by Square1 Travel & The Evergreen Club

Dates: Tuesday Dec. 12th to Wednesday Dec. 13th

Cost: \$399 per person Double Occupancy
\$479 Single Occupancy

Full payment due at time of booking, 100% refundable up to November 30th.

Enjoy this overnight trip to Victoria to visit the spectacular Butchart Gardens at Christmas time. Stroll the gardens before we enjoy a buffet dinner at the Blue Poppy restaurant. Overnight at the Chateau Victoria downtown Victoria within steps of the inner harbour. Buffet breakfast is included.

There will be time the following day for a little shopping in Victoria before we head back making a stop in Ladysmith to see the lights. Trip Flyer is available at reception.



The Evergreen Club has 20 seats on this trip and we will be joining other people on this tour. Tour host for trip is from Square1 Travel. Square1 Travel will contact all registrants with information about departure and return times at the Filberg Centre.

Evergreen Club Trip Info

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.

Membership

Any person participating in a day or overnight trip from the Evergreen Club must have a current membership. Cancellations made less than 30 days before the trip date cannot be refunded unless the seat is filled from the wait list.

Be Comfortable!

Bring water, snacks, or a blanket as needed for travelling.

Name Tags

Did you know you can now purchase your own Evergreen name tag for just \$10? In the past we have tried to have temporary name tags for each person on each bus trip. They are very handy to be able to get to know your fellow travelers, as well it helps the host keep track of who is in our group. Going forward we will not be providing name tags, as we encourage everyone purchase their own. Bonus, all of the proceeds support the EG Club.



Be sure to share your trip ideas and suggestions with Cathy or Janet

EVERGREEN CLUB ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Cue Sports 8:30 am - 4:30 pm 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm (most weeks)
Cycling Group Meets at 10:00 am	Slo Pitch 9:00 am-12:00 pm Lewis Park Spring/summer	Heartstrings 9:30 am Rotary Hall	Brazilian Embroidery 9 am -12 noon Craft Room	Slo Pitch 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lewis Park Spring/summer
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 NEW 10 am Back Rotary Hall	Golf Spring/summer at "The Park" in Comox 9 am
Table Tennis 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Rotary Hall	Crib 10 am Back Rotary Hall	Golf at "The Park" in Comox 9 am Spring/summer	Gospel Singalong 10:30 am 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	Bingo 1 pm Back Rotary Hall
Social Dance Club 2x Month (see p. 12) Conference Hall	Mahjong 12:30 - 3 pm Back Rotary Hall	Chess 1 pm Craft Room	Art Club 12:30 - 3:30 Craft Room	Choristers 10:30 - 12 noon Front Rotary Hall
Book Club 1st Monday 1 -2 pm	Horseshoes 1 pm Lewis Park (Apr -Sept)	Scrabble 1 pm Sept - May Sorooptimist Lounge	Bridge 12:30 - 3:30 pm Back Rotary Hall	Texas Hold'em 12:30 pm Front Rotary Hall
Writers Club NEW Nov 27 1 pm Sorooptimist Lounge	Carpet Bowling 1pm Conference Hall	Improv Club 2 nd & 4 th Wed 1 pm Rotary Hall	Trivia 1 pm - 3 pm Sorooptimist Lounge	Friday Craft Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge
The "Jam" 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Rotary Hall	Stamp Club (2 nd Tues) 12:30 pm Sorooptimist Lounge	Meet & Greet (Singles) 1st Wednesday 1pm Rotary Hall Sept -June	Euchre Club 1:00 pm EG Lounge	Lacemakers 2nd & 4th Friday 1:30 - 4 pm Craft Room
Drama Club 3 - 5 pm Conference Hall	Knit & Crochet Group 1 pm - 3 pm EG Lounge	Karaoke Conference Hall 3 rd Wed. 1 pm	Walk & Talk 1 pm See newsletter	Fri. Night Dances Rotary Hall 7:30
Whist 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm Rotary Hall	Recorder 1:30 pm Craft Room Sept -June	Floor Curling Native Sons Hall Grand Hall 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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