

PROBUS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS 2019 (revised June 2019)

Special interest groups are groups within the Oshawa Probus Club that provide members opportunities to participate in various activities throughout the year. The groups are for members only and are coordinated by volunteer members of the Club (convenors).

The groups vary in size, depending on the activity and meeting location. Some meet throughout the year, while others are seasonal in nature. If a group can no longer accept members due to limited meeting space, a new group can be started.

If you have a particular hobby and interest and would like to share this interest with other Club members, email **oshawaprobusclub@gmail.com** and your request will be forwarded to the appropriate Special Interest Group Coordinator.

The information below provides a general description of the Oshawa Probus Club's special interest groups. More specific information about meeting dates, locations, etc. are available in the Oshawa Probus Club's monthly newsletter. If you wish to sign up for any group, please contact the group convenor or Special Interest Group Coordinator.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

ART

Convenor: Debbie Waker (d.waker@sympatico.ca)

Day: 3rd Thursday of the month, September to June

Time: 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: This hands-on group gets together to have fun, encourage each other's creativity and expand artistic expression. The group uses all sorts of media, such as watercolour, acrylics, pastels, and pen and pencil and we have worked on canvas, paper, glass, cloth, etc. Coffee, tea and munchies are always on offer. December meeting's is a potluck lunch and original card exchange. The group is open to new members. Contact Debbie for more information.

BID EUCHRE

Convenor: none at present

Day: 4th Wednesday of the month

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Centennial Retirement Residence

Description: This group is open to all bid euchre players and invite anyone interested in playing to join them for a fun afternoon.

BOOK CLUB #1: OSHAWA PROBUS CLUB

Convenor: Mary Kelcey (frank.kelcey029@sympatico.ca)

Day: 4th Thursday of the month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: This was the first book club of the Oshawa Probus Club. Books are chosen by the members to allow variety of content. One of the members leads the discussion every month. This is a great way to discuss books in a relaxed atmosphere.

BOOK CLUB #2 : THE BOOKWORMS

Convenors: Judy Bell and Bernice Burke (judy.bell2@rogers.com; berniceburke1940@yahoo.ca)

Day: 4th Tuesday of the month

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: Members share a love of reading and of exchanging views with like-minded friends. A variety of fiction and non-fiction books are selected throughout the year.

BOOK CLUB #3 : THE BOOKIES

Convenors: Jane Havens and Barb Towey (havensrj@gmail.com; b.towey@sympatico.ca)

Day: 1st Thursday of the month

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: Members of the group enjoy reading and are discussing books with other members. The selection of the books to be read is open to allow members to experience different styles of writings.

BRAIN GAMES

Convenor: Jacqueline Frank (jacqueline.frank@bell.net)

Day: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: The group gets together to stimulate they brains and have fun playing trivia, riddles, logic puzzles, word games and other activities. Team work is encouraged and so is the fun! New members welcome.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Convenor: Catherine Frost (c.frost@sympatico.ca)

Day: 1st Thursday of the month

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Restaurants in Durham region

Description: Do you enjoy breakfast? Join this group as its members visit various restaurants in the area. It is is a mixed group and new members are always welcome!

BRIDGE MARATHON

Convenor: Frank Kelcey (frank.kelcey029@sympatico.ca)

Day: as arranged between players

Time: September to April

Location: Members' homes

Description: Bridge players interested in joining the marathon group signed up before September. A schedule is prepared and players organize themselves to play the required number of games within a specific time frame.

CHESS

Convenors: Ed and Jo Taylor (buzzards@rogers.com)

Day: every Tuesday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: the Taylor's home

Description: Chess players of all levels are always welcome at Ed and Jo's house to play the game they love. If you love chess, feel free to contact Ed and Jo.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Convenor: Nan Mackenzie (annie.mackenzie@sympatico.ca)

Day: 1st Tuesday of the month

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: This group is for lovers of classical music. Each month, one or more members take the responsibility of preparing a classical music programme for the group to enjoy.

CRIBBAGE

Convenor: June McLaren (junebmclaren@gmail.com)

Day: 2nd Wednesday of the month

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: Members get together in the afternoon to play cribbage and socialize. New members are welcome.

EUCHRE # 1

Convenor: Ellen Clarke (eleah4340@yahoo.ca)

Day: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: Euchre is a very popular card game. Players meet on a monthly basis to play in each other's homes, have fun and socialize.

EUCHRE # 2

Convenors: Pat and Gerry Henderson (henderpatty@gmail.com; hendergerry@gmail.com)

Day: 4th Thursday of the month

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Centennial Retirement Residence

Description: Want to play euchre? Join this group and have fun playing cards in a social and friendly environment. Players are encouraged to bring a toonie and a cup or coffee mug. New members are welcome!

GARDEN/NATURE CLUB

Convenor: Jacqueline Frank (jacqueline.frank@bell.net)

Day: as scheduled

Time: depends on the activity

Location: varied

Description: The group visits various garden and nature events throughout the season. Everyone can join. Car pooling is done when attending events outside Oshawa.

GOLF

Convenor: Jack Cadan (jackcadan@sympatico.ca)

Day: once per week

Time: as scheduled, spring to fall

Location: golf courses in the area

Description: This is a weekly golf event at various courses throughout the region. It is a combined activity of the PROBUS clubs of Oshawa and Whitby. The group starts in May and continues until late September/early October. They play Tuesday one week and Wednesday the next. Once you have registered with Jack, you receive emails for the complete activity. The group is open to all.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME

Convenor: Kathy Brown (no email address)

Day: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: Come and join this group as they play this challenging and very popular card game similar to canasta. Each player is dealt two separate hands; the first is called the hand and the second the foot. While relatively simple to learn, the game requires strategy, keeping it interesting. You will have fun and enjoy a few laughs during the afternoon.

LAWN BOWLING

Convenor: Gord Terwillegar (ter2ag@rogers.com)

Day: as scheduled, spring to fall

Time: as scheduled

Location: Northview Community Centre

Description: Oshawa Probus members are invited to try a sport that provides a social opportunity to meet others in a very stimulating environment. Many of our members have enjoyed this activity for many years and are happy to teach it to other members. It is a sport that all ages can enjoy.

LUNCH GROUP

Convenor: Connie Nelson (connienelson@rogers.com)

Day: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Time: noon

Location: restaurants in the region

Description: Do you enjoy eating out in good company? Come and join this group as they enjoy the food provided by various restaurants in the area. A sign up sheet is available at the Oshawa Probus Club's monthly meetings.

MAH JONGG

Convenor: Alecia Minosora (asm9@sympatico.ca)

Day: every second Monday

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: Members get together to play this tile-based game which involves skill, strategy and a degree of chance. New members are welcome.

MOVIE GROUP

Convenor: Mary Gibson (marmoj1245481@gmail.com)

Day: every Friday morning

Time: first movie showing of the day

Location: Landmark Theatre, Whitby

Description: This group is for movie buffs! Every week, the group sees a new movie. They meet at the movie theatre.

POKER # 1 - EVENING

Convenor: Allan Anderson (allananderson89@hotmail.com)

Day: 2nd Wednesday of the month

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: If you enjoy playing poker, do not hesitate to join this group. New players are always welcome, even those who have never played before or whose skills might be rusty. The betting is really low — only 10 cents bets!

POKER #2 AFTERNOON

Convenor: Vicky and Gerry Paquette (vicky.gerry@rogers.com)

Day: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Centennial Retirement Residence

Description: Do you want to practise and improve your skills at playing poker? Do you prefer playing in the afternoon? This group is for you. New players are always welcome.

SCRABBLE

Convenor: Judy Bryson (jbryson481@gmail.com)

Day: as scheduled

Time: as scheduled

Location: Members' homes

Description: You like word games and love to play in an informal setting with friends? You want to challenge your knowledge of words? Join the Scrabble group and play one of the most popular game in the world.

TCOD: THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA AND DANCE

Convenor: Mary Kelcey and Maria Upton (frank.kelcey029@sympatico.ca; m.upton@sympatico.ca)

Description: Every month, Mary gathers information on the various cultural events offered locally and sends an email listing events found to group members who make their own

arrangements to meet for a given TCOD event. A small sampling of events is also listed in the club's newsletter each month as information for all members.

URBAN POLE WALKING

Convenor: Maria de Jong (mariska578@gmail.com)

Day: every Monday and Friday morning (unless specified)

Time: 9:00 a.m. (April to October) or 10:00 a.m. (November to March) as scheduled

Location: various trails in the area

Description: Come and join this group when you can and get moving! Poles are not required. Just be dressed for the weather and trail conditions. All walks take place as scheduled, weather permitting. The walks take about 60 to 75 minutes and the group meets for coffee afterwards.

VINTAGE TASTINGS

Convenor: none at present

Day: 3rd Thursday (not every month)

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes, winery and brewery tastings and tours

Description: To socialize in the above settings and enjoy some treats and appetizers.

WINE AND DINE

Convenor: Catherine Frost (c.frost@sympatico.ca)

Day: 2nd Thursday of the month

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Location: Restaurants in the area

Description: Group members take turn selecting restaurants where the group meets and enjoys food in good company. New members are always welcome.

WINE APPRECIATION

Convenor: Bernice Burke (berniceburke1940@yahoo.ca)

Day: 1st Tuesday of the month

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: This group gets together on a monthly basis to taste and appreciate a wide selection of wine. Hosting is done on a rotating basis.

YARN DIVAS

Convenor: Barb Jones (barbandpete@rogers.com)

Day: 1st Wednesday of the month

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Members' homes

Description: Members who love to knit and/or crochet - or want to learn - are welcome to come and share their ideas, patterns and techniques.