



Van Isle Heritage Club Newsletter May 2026



President's Message

Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring/Summer newsletter.

We have put together some fun and hopefully exciting activities that we can get together and catch up on.

Jim Turner is offering his place for a bocce tournament with all proceeds going to charity, you can find his info and how to contact him in the following pages.

Nanaimo is doing a luncheon at Montana's on June 9.

We have booked The Chemainus Theatre for Dirty Rotten Scoundrels on July 22. We have 24 seats available so book and pay early to not miss out.

Our third annual Rath Trevor BBQ is July 7, and please note we have changed the location in the park. It is not at the group picnic site as it is sunnier, easier to get in and out of and there are proper washrooms near by.

Last but not least we have booked a Cowichan Valley Wine tour Aug 5. The price includes pick up and return from Victoria and Cobble Hill. We will visit three wineries and have lunch (not included) at Bridgemans Bistro.

Also we are trying out a Travel page where our members can present a brief write up of their travels that they would like to share with other members.

Please feel free to contact Angie or myself if you have any question.

Enjoy your summer, safe travels and I look forward to seeing you this summer.

Heidi Webb

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If you have anything you think would be interesting for others to see contact
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brenda Girvin, Richard Zwolinski
Bernadette Lloyd, Debra Pratt
Dave Mullane

In Memorial

Cathy Maciver
Bob Casey

Upcoming Events - Details are Inside

May- Spring Bocce-Victoria
June- Luncheon-Nanaimo
July- BBQ-Rath Trevor
July- Chemainus Theatre
Aug- Wine Tour-Mid Island



"People Helping People" is the Heritage Club Motto

If you know of any members
that might need a "hello"- let us know.

Spring and summer events info!

HILTY BOCCE TO DEFEAT CANCER CHAMPIONSHIP

2026 Saturday May 30th Starting a 1PM

TEAMS @ \$25 TWO PLAYERS PER.
MAXIMUM 16 TEAMS

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND AN
APPETIZER TO SHARE.

VENUE IS 550 WARREN AVE VICTORIA

Contact Jim voicemail 250-479-9689

or email cycles@shaw.ca

Nanaimo Luncheon June 9th@11AM

Meet up for lunch at Montana's BBQ and Grill in Nanaimo on June 9th at 11:00 am.

Please RSVP Angie ASAP

Email Heritagevanisle@shaw.ca or

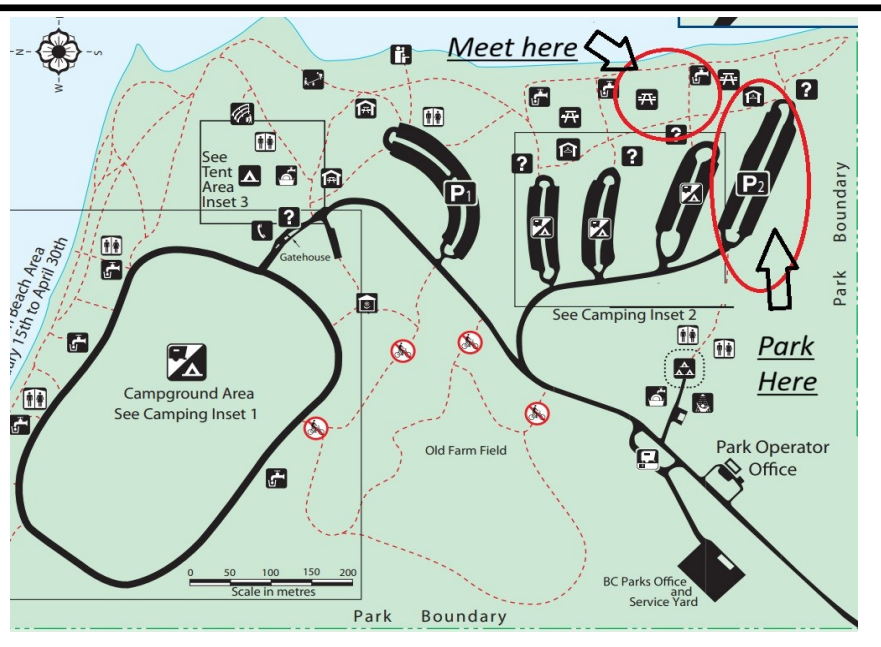
Call or text 250-618-5532

Annual BBQ Rathtrevor Beach

Tuesday July 7th 11:30

The club is hosting the annual summer BBQ again at Rathtrevor Beach in Parksville. We will be at a different spot than the last few years.

Directions— As you are proceeding down the main road in Rathtrevor turn right after passing the Group Camping site. You are heading for day use parking **lot #2**. We will be set up at the picnic benches near the beach. Look for the signs and balloons. \$10 per person.



Chémainus
Theatre Festival

2026 Season

**DIRTY ROTTEN
SCOUNDRELS**

Travel to the glamorous French Riviera for the ruthlessly funny Tony-nominated musical, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. July 22 @11:30 for lunch and the show. Lunch and show price is \$115. Payment must be received by June 29th. Only 24 seats available.

Don't wait, this sold out fast last year!

Cowichan Valley Wine Tour August 5th

You've never seen wine country like this

On August 5th enjoy and indulge your senses and explore the exquisite offerings of 3 renowned wineries, each with its own unique charm and exceptional wines.

Then return on your own to explore 9 more wineries at your leisure until August 31 with your Wine Tour Passport and complimentary wine glass.

The price is \$145 and includes the entrance and tasting at 3 wineries and transportation from Victoria or Cobble Hill.

First come first served 24 seats only. Payment must be received by July 21. Depart Victoria 10 am return at 4:30. Cobble Hill departure at 11 am.

Lunch will be available at Bridgemans's Bistro but not included.

Van-Isle Heritage Club Members Travel Stories

This is the place for all Heritage Club members to share their stories with others.

A travel story from Dorota and Mel Smith-

Dear Happy Globetrotters,

As some of you know, we spend our January and February in Albufeira, Portugal. Then, we travel across Europe, visiting friends and family. Each year we change a destination and this year, we added Czech Republic and Ireland. We took a Flix bus to Lisbon and stayed overnight at the Star Inn hotel, across the street from the Lisbon's airport. Their breakfast starts at 4am, if you have an early flight.

We flew TAP from Lisbon to Prague. TAP is a Portuguese owned mid-size airline, quite popular and comfortable. The flights don't always arrive on time, but the price is right. We took a taxi as the airport is on the outskirts of the city. I should have booked the Welcome Pickups (as we always do, but I missed that one!)

Our hotel was located in the centre of the Old Town. It's a new hotel, in an old, renovated seminary. Quiet, modern, with an elevator, our studio included a small kitchen (with Nespresso machine), a table for 2, a couple of armchairs and a very comfortable bed. The access is all electronic with coded doors, but there is a concierge in the courtyard. Our breakfast was included, but we had to walk 7 minutes to another hotel. Well worth the walk, the buffet had everything we wanted. And the morning walk through the old town was rather lovely. We quickly located a large grocery store nearby, where we could pick up sandwiches, baked goods and take out meals. We enjoyed our daily walks around Prague. All the main sights were within walking distance and we could easily go back to our flat to rest and recharge with a cup of tea and a cookie, before exploring again.

We took a train to Warsaw and we walked to the train station. An easy 15 min walk with our luggage.

Our fav hotel in Warsaw is Novotel Centrum. Located across the street from the main train station, local commuter trains and Metro, it allows us to get around Warsaw easily. The breakfast buffet is well worth the price and when checking in, ask for a Nespresso coffee machine in your room. This year highlight was a new SodaStream machine on every floor! A special commuter train takes us to the Chopin airport in 20 minutes. We flew KLM this time. We booked the Welcome Pickups to shuttle us to the hotel. It's an app, where we book airport transfers if public transport is not convenient. We have used them many times in the past.

We arrived in Belfast mostly because we wanted to see the Giant's Causeway, which is located about an hour away. Epic sight! Splurge a £2 and take shuttle bus, along the steep, muddy access road! It was a fabulous trip through the Irish countryside, with many small fortifications, distilleries and golf courses, interspaced with green fields dotted with sheep. Many Irish locations were used in filming the Game of Thrones, including a forbidding looking Dark Hedges. Belfast was a surprising treat as we expected a mostly industrial city (the birthplace and now an enormous Titanic Experience location) the place is filled with beautiful old buildings and pubs, including an awe-inspiring City Hall. Our 3 days were filled with lovely discoveries and surprises. We took an Intercity express bus to Dublin and checked in the apart hotel across the street from the iconic Ha' Penny bridge. Next day, our cross-Ireland trip (booked on Viator app) took us to the southwestern corner of the island, to the Cliffs of Moher. Incredibly high rocky outcrop, raising straight up from the Atlantic Ocean was an incredible sight! Chilled to the bone by the gusty winds, we stopped at the nearby town of Ennis for a well deserved lunch, before continuing to the lovely city of Limerick, settled by Vikings in the 9th century. We headed back to Dublin for a well deserved rest (after a lovely pint of Guinness of course). While we visited the Jamieson distillery, our highlight was an afternoon at the Whiskey Museum, which included tasting of 4 different types of whiskey and a small glass to take home as a souvenir. Our final destination was the National Gallery of Ireland, in part to see a unique watercolour painting, only open for viewing for 1 hour, twice a week. A very memorable outing. Dublin has so many amazing sights to explore. At the end of the week we flew BA to London to catch our WestJet flight back home.

Mel and Dorothy Smith



HERITAGE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – 2026

The Canada Post Heritage Club is proud to support the next generation by awarding three scholarships of \$2,000 each to children (including adopted children or stepchildren or wards in legal guardianship) or grandchildren of dues-paying members who are beginning their post secondary education.

These scholarships are intended to recognize hard-working, well-rounded students who demonstrate determination, community involvement, leadership, and a strong potential for success — not solely academic achievement. Application timeline:

- Applications open: March 15, 2026
- Applications close: June 15, 2026
- Scholarship recipients announced: week of August 3, 2026

Eligible students are encouraged to apply and share their story, including academics, employment, volunteer work, extracurricular activities, and any challenges they have overcome along the way.

We look forward to reviewing applications and celebrating the achievements of our members' families.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications open **March 15, 2026**

Submissions must be postmarked on or before **June 15, 2026**.

HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION PACKAGE

Please visit the Heritage Club website at heritageclub.ca or contact Eldred Holmes at holmese@nl.rogers.com