

Evergreen Seniors Outdoor Club



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Annual General Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Montgomery Community Centre

Liz Whitehouse called the meeting to order and guided us through the agenda. It is clear the club is in excellent hands with a dedicated and competent crew of volunteers. Liz Whitehouse will move to the role of Past President and will support our new president as needed. Dane Bridge, after three years on the board, will move to Winter Activities Director. That leaves only one new member to the board. Barb Shaw will join as Vice President. Welcome to the board, Barb.

The Board was nominated as follows:

David Fulton President
Barb Shaw Vice-President
Liz Whitehouse Past President
Hugh Powell Treasurer
Sharon Hanwell Secretary
Johanna Voordouw Membership Director
Carolyn Ardell Transportation Director
Harold Kroeger Transportation Director
Cheryl Inkster Summer Hiking Director
Dane Bridge Winter Activities Director
Eric Leavitt Website Director
Sandra Braden Social Director
Phyllis Quarrie Social Director
Peter Dankers City Hikes Coordinator
Joan McLean Newsletter Coordinator
Carol Rose-Skelly Membership Support Coordinator
Peter Kubica Chief Incident Coordinator

And appointed by acclamation.

Thanks to all these and the many more volunteers that make the club run efficiently and safely. There are many jobs for volunteers, and members can always be supported by experienced people. New volunteer opportunity available for Tuesday hikes. This is very popular and is divided into two levels.

The agenda and minutes will all be posted on the club website for those members who would like to read all the details about finances and club operation.

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Introducing our President, David Fulton

David has been a member of The Evergreens for about 4 years. He has hiked for 40 years and more “actively” the last 10 years. He has lived in Calgary for 40 years with short spells in the UK and some time in Sarnia, Ontario. David and his wife, Pat, enjoy time in Calgary, New Westminster and some time in the summer in Crowsnest Pass.

Dave and Pat have two daughters, one in Calgary and one in New West, and four grandchildren, a boy and girl in Calgary and 2 girls in New Westminster.



Gardening is another interest where Pat takes care of flowers and David tends to the tomatoes, rhubarb, fruit trees, and raspberries.

Message from our new Vice President, Barb Shaw

Hello Fellow ESOC Hikers,

I am looking forward to joining the Board this year as the incoming VP.

I am thoroughly enjoying the Club in the year since I joined. As a ‘fair weather’ and ‘well-marked trails’ hiker, the challenge and beauty of trails less well travelled has been particularly rewarding. Almost as rewarding as spending time with a wonderful group of people with similar interests and varied backgrounds.

Looking forward to a great year ahead.
Barb Shaw

Member Care

It was decided at the General Meeting that updates on members would be summarized in the newsletter. Not everyone is on the bus when cards are signed, so this is just to keep up to date with fellow club members. Since this is the first time this has been included, I am reporting back to January 2025.

Condolences have been sent to the following members upon the loss of a loved one:

Steve Pearce (Wife)
Statia Demers (Husband)
Audrey Achtymichuk (Sister)
Diane Fukami (Husband)
Mary (Irish) Rappel (Husband)

The following members were sent cards of encouragement as they recovered from illness or surgery:

January 2025: Frank Howard, Elizabeth Ziegler
May 2025: Alice Cush
June 2025: Linda Nemeth
August 2025: Mary (Irish) Rappel
Sept. 2025: Keith Johnson, Peter Dankers, Colin Johnson, Greg McKenzie
October 2025: Harold Kroeger, Janet Fewer
Feb. 2026: Dorothy Lloyd, Doug Kosowan
March 2026: Steve Whittingham

Thank you for keeping me posted on members needs.
Carol Rose Skelly

In Remembrance

Recently, we had to bid farewell to two of our former and long time club members. Norm Wardlaw passed away in early November and Dave Pawson passed away in March.

Many of us enjoyed our hikes with these two great outdoors enthusiasts! Norm, as a professional geologist, was always willing to share his vast knowledge of the landscape and rock formations. Dave, as an artist and mountaineer, was well versed in the flora and fauna of the Rockies and also had good knowledge of all the hiking locations we visited which he shared with others. Those of us who had the opportunity to know and hike with these two men were very fortunate and we are grateful for the time we had together,



Painting by Dave Pawson

Three Woodpecker Day

It is always nice to walk in the city along a previously untravelled route. The area of Bowness is one where I have driven to and through many times. One of the schools I taught at, T. B. Riley, is right in that area, so my drive to work took me past the Safeway, across the bridge, through the village many times. I had not walked there, so I was happy to join Ann Lyons group for our Annual General Meeting Day hike.

The highlight for me was seeing three woodpeckers. Firstly, we heard a loud call coming from up in the trees. We spotted a Pileated Woodpecker high up. I had never seen one in the city before.



Secondly, we spotted two Hairy woodpeckers frolicking in a tree near the original bridge that took travelers to Bowness. We walked along the river much of the way and circled round to the well known corner where Mary's Grocery Store used to be.

While we chatted, we heard the familiar sound of a Flicker chopping away at the stucco on the side of a garage.

The wild life sightings are fun, like the walk through historic Bowness. This meeting marks the end of the winter season. Time to get out the Bear Sprauy, check the expiry date and be ready for other wildlife encounters.



Have a great hiking season, everyone.



save THE DATE
SUMMER BARBEQUE
JULY 23, 2026

The Last Word

Pete Serafini said he had to send these pictures as they are of the best Icer “clump” he has ever seen!



The model is Celeste Wlasitz.

Send your ideas for The Last Word to joanmcl@shaw.ca