



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District
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Next Meeting: September 7th, 2006



President's Message by Bob Spooner

With the end in sight of a fast moving summer, one cannot help thinking of the accomplishments of our Cobourg Probus Club in the past year. The Car Rally, the Christmas party, Picnic in the Park and our first ever Summer Sizzler were all enjoyed. With the aforementioned highlights we must remember all of these programs cannot happen without the volunteers within the club. We must continue to consider being there for the many things Probians get involved with. Your executive are all volunteers. Also with this in mind, I ask all Club members to give consideration to stepping forward in the coming year to ask, "What can I do to make our Club a continuing success?"

Bob

Quote: *Some people go through life standing at the complaint counter. Unknown author*

Club Program

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| Aug. 17th (meeting) | Paul Macklin – Life in Ottawa |
| Sept. 7th (meeting) | "Select Members" will speak to us |
| Sept 21st (meeting) | This is our Annual General meeting with voting for a new executive and the passing of the baton. |
| October 5th (meeting) | Speaker to be decided. |
| October 12th | Car Rally – The route will be a mystery – the fun is to be expected. |
| October 19th (meeting) | Silent auction will be held for the Christmas Party fund-raising |

Membership renewal

Sept 21st is the last day to renew your membership so you only have meetings on August 17, Sept 7 and Sept 21 to deliver your cheque. The fee is \$36.00 per year.

Annual General Meeting

On September 21, we will be presented with a slate of Candidates for a new executive (see next issue for a list). Hopefully, there will be additional candidates and a vote will be held to decide – if not, the slate will be acclaimed.

Probian Publish dates

In case you thought you missed an issue, here are the dates when the Probian was published - plus when it will be in the next short period:

- July 20 (last issue – later than usual)
- Aug 17 (this issue – later than usual)
- September 7 (next issue – back to normal)

After that, a new editor will take over – what will the new look be, if any? The suspense builds.

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The names of all 2006 **committee members** have been published in the Probian and are also available on our web site. Enter the address www.probusnorthumberland.com then go to *About Us* and select Cobourg.

Probus Rendezvous 2008

The date has been set: Sept 25 – 28, 2008. The place will be St. John New Brunswick. Plan now to go to this great event. More details soon.

For Pun lovers

There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

Wish of the day: If only closed minds came with closed mouths.

Other Probus Events

Christmas Party

The organizers of this year's event emphasize that it will be a *Party*.

So the band called the "**Band of Gold**" was chosen with that in mind.



Also, remember the **Silent Auction** to be held at our meeting on **October 19th**. Bring your cheque book. Something for everyone – at all prices.

Car Rally

Planning for this year's Probus Car Rally on October 12th is well underway; tickets are available at each meeting until then.



Most people would agree that over the last several years, this event has been better every year – so the question is: What will they think up next?

The picture above from last year is **Chief Starter Godfrey DeLisle**, undeterred by light rain, doing his *Starting* job.

Dinner Theatre

Northumberland Players presents:

Barefoot in the Park

A hilarious adaptation of Neil Simon's comedy that takes place in 1967 about a buttoned-down, straight arrow young lawyer, Paul Bratter who's wound a little too tight and his new wife Corie, who is an effervescent free spirit and won't let anything disturb her romantic bliss with Paul. In their highly passionate relationship, they learn to live and love in a laughably small fifth floor walk-up Greenwich Village apartment in New York.

Date: October 27th **Tickets: \$30.00** includes dinner, show, all taxes and service.

Contact Dorothy Allen at 905 372-5658

Summer Sizzler

Early on August 3rd, **Burke Van Valkenburg** led his team into Victoria Park to prepare the Pavilion for the Summer Sizzler (néé Barbecue). By 2:00, the first Probian had arrived and by 3:00 most people were seated, the Clarkes had set up their equipment and we were ready to cook up a storm.



Shirley Fraser and **Hazel Lyons** organized the ticket system which despite repeated explanations, still seemed to be a mystery to some. People then placed orders and Über chefs **Ray Hiller** and **Bob Spooner** made Gourmet hamburgers and sausages - although there was the occasional request for a custom job (usually WELL done please).



Mary Ryan and **Joyce Parker** prepared great munchies and salad and **Ron Fraser** and **John Lyon** helped out with set-up and clean up.

During the day, the logistics department – headed by Logistics chief **Jack Parker** – found a way to get more meat.



Burke supplied the tent and sound system and organized the BBQs (and organized the troops). Photos of the day were taken by John Draper – samples are on this page and more are on the web site.

The Clarkes entertained through the afternoon and even Stone Avery was convinced to sing a few notes. And as usual, at the drop of a hat, John Simpson was dancing with his sweetheart.

Those who left early, missed an opportunity to buy the remaining food, drinks and assorted items like paper cups at prices that seemed good at the time.

About 100 people had a great time at the rock bottom price of \$10.00 and it didn't rain at all – at least not until it was time to clean the BBQ.

John Draper – for the Sizzler committee

Other Local Events

- August 10 to 27
Sound of Music - Port Hope Capitol Theatre
- August 19 & 20
Rural Ramble – great to take the grandkids
- September 8 & 9
Brad Halls Words and Music – Victoria Hall
- September 10
Sweet Water Country Music – Victoria Hall
- Sept 22 – 24
Port Hope Jazz Festival
- September 23
Cobourg Dragon Boat races – at the waterfront

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY PLANS

Sol, Morris and Irving were chatting at a restaurant. They sat down at a table while waiting to be served. Sol said; "*Morris! Isn't this your 50th anniversary?*"

Morris replies! "*Yep.*"

"*Well,*" Sol asked, "*What are you planning on doing to celebrate?*"

Morris replies, "*Well I remember taking my wife to Phoenix, Arizona on our 25th anniversary.*"

Irving asked, "*So what are your plans for your 50th anniversary?*"

Morris replies, "*I'm thinking of going back to pick her up*"

TROUBLE IN THE CONVENT ...?

Mother Superior calls all the nuns together and says: "I must tell you something. We have a case of Gonorrhoea in the convent!"

A blonde nun in the back says, "Thank you, God! I am so tired of Chardonnay."

FOR THE GOLFERS

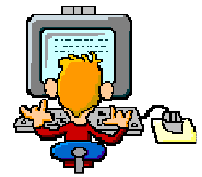
Weekend Golfer: "That was my worst game ever."

Caddie: "You mean you've played before?"

More Jokes from Probus members on the Probus web site at: www.probus.org/wjoke.htm

Editor's Corner

They said last year was hot but it seems to me it's hot this year too. Also wet!



With fewer meetings, there is less to report this edition. Many people give me material but there's usually no room. This issue there is! So I hope you like the "extras"!

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One day, everyone will have a web site just like they have a phone number now. (John's fearless prediction).

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

August 2006

		1	2	3 Summer Sizzler	4	5 Sand Castle Competition on Beach
6	7 Holiday	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Meeting Paul Macklin	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September 2006

					1 Shelter Valley Folk Festival	2 Shelter Valley Folk Festival
3 Folk Festival	4 Holiday	5	6	7 Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Meeting	22 Port Hope Jazz Festival	23 Port Hope Jazz Festival
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