



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

10th Anniversary Year

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District
P.O. Box 63, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4K2

Next Meeting: September 15th, 2005

President's Message by Ray Hiller



Since this will be my last message as President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude. I am grateful for the assistance of the executive and committee members who have worked to make our "10th Anniversary Year" such a success. I believe that our club continues to improve each year with the contributions of our many talented members.

Ray.

Club Program

- Sept. 15th (meeting)** **Jim Benham** - the Halifax Bomber restoration at Trenton Air Base.
- September 20th** **Tour of Prince Edward County** – Ameliasburg Museum, Wine Tasting and Lunch at Carmella Estates, visit to Black River Cheese and shopping in Bloomfield - \$55
- September 26th** **Inter-Club Golf at Ashbrook** – morning start – last day for tickets is September 16th - more below.
- Oct. 6th (meeting)** **Tom MacMillan** – All about Town Criers
- October 13th** **Car Rally** – morning start finishing with Lunch. Tickets \$30 and now on sale. More below.
- Oct. 20th (meeting)** **Dr. Cloud** (Colin Banfield) Weather expert – Colin will talk about the recent unusual weather and why Cobourg's weather is sometimes different.
- October 28th** **Arsenic and Old Lace** – Dinner theatre at Best Western – Comedy - \$30.00 includes dinner, show all taxes and services – see below for more.
- November 24th** **Shaw Festival – Bus Stop.** Lunch at Oban Inn. \$105. More below.

Are You An Active Member?

<p>Are you an active member The kind who would be missed? Or are you just content That your name is on the list?</p>	<p>Do you take an active part And help the work along Or are you satisfied To only just belong?</p> <p>Do you attend the meetings And mingle with the flock Or do you stay at home And criticize and knock?</p>	<p>Do you ever go to visit A member who is sick Or leave the work to just a few Or talk about the "clique"?</p> <p>Take time to think it over We all know right from wrong Are you an active member Or do you just belong?</p>
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*Contributed by Ray Hiller
From Brighton Probus' "Beacon"*

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A full list of **committee members** is on our web site. www.probusnorthumberland.com then go to *About Us* and select *Cobourg*

Web Site Update

The site we share with the 6 other local clubs is: www.probusnorthumberland.com

Have a look at the photos of Jim Lyons' "soon to be record-breaking" pumpkin, gourd and cabbage on the web site – look under *Cobourg News*.



If you missed something from a previous newsletter, copies for 2005 are archived on the web. Learn what the other clubs are doing and see photos of the recent BBQ under **News**.

Northumberland Players Presents:

Arsenic and Old Lace

Friday October 28th at the Best Western

The Classic of comedies, Arsenic and Old Lace will provide a laugh filled evening. There is never a dull moment – it is practically mayhem and by the end you are convinced that everyone is at least a little insane.

\$30.00 including dinner, show, all taxes and service.

CAR RALLY

The 2005 Car Rally will be held on the 2nd Thursday in October which is October 13th. It will be a morning rally with lunch at the finish.

No skill required! No timing involved – just a little navigating and questions to test your power of observation – lots of fun.



Tickets are \$30 and will be for sale at all meetings through September. Non members welcome. Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment. Cheques only please.

Shaw Festival



November 24th

The shimmering tale of an unlikely group stranded in an all-night diner during a Kansas Snowstorm.

Departing at 7:00 am, trip includes luxury coach to

Niagara on the Lake, then lunch at the famous Oban Inn followed by the matinee performance of *Bus Stop* at the Royal George Theatre.

Estimated return time to Cobourg is 7:30 pm.

\$106.00 all inclusive.

Membership Renewal

Membership fees of \$36.00 may be paid at:

- Meeting September 1st (*May be Post dated Sept 15th*)
- Meeting September 15th – last chance!

Northumberland Probus Clubs

Interclub Golf Challenge

Monday, September 26th 2005 (rain Date Sept. 29th) at Ashbrook Golf Club (Dale Road East of Highway 28).

9 Hole Shotgun Tee off at 9:30am (assemble at 8:30 a.m.)

Best **Club average** score wins. (Worst Club takes home "Loo"sers Trophy). Plus lots of Prizes

Prices:

Golf, Putting competition & Lunch **\$40.00**

Putting competition & Lunch only **\$20.00**

(Cheques only. Made out to Cobourg Probus)

Cut off date Friday September 16th, 2005

Advise if you wish to reserve a **Cart \$7.50 per person**

For Tickets Contact:

Malcolm Wardman - 905 377 1930

Participating will be the following Probus Clubs: Cobourg, North Shore, Port Hope, Northumberland, Brighton, Colborne, Peterborough.

On August 8th, 2005 our program was given by our own **Cathy and Ron Oberholtzer**.

It was a privilege to sit and listen to Cathy tell us of her love for the local history through her work at the Cobourg and District Historical Society Archives. Ron did a wonderful job of enchanting the information through a program of slides which he took himself.



It was fun to have Cathy and Ron take us through all the information you can glean by doing research on such a simple thing as an old receipt – name of local business or store, what they sold, their location, date of transaction, and the cost of items at that time, and the individuals involved. In one document you have family history, local community history, and economic history.

We all enjoyed the talk and slides and have a warm invitation to visit the archives which are located in the C. Gordon King Centre. Cathy and Ron plus other volunteers are always eager to share the love of local history. **Ann Hubbs**

INTERCLUB BBQ – August 11th, 2005

Our first interclub BBQ at Roseneath Fairgrounds on Thursday August 11th was blessed by the weatherman with a glorious sunny day which was bracketed by rainy Wednesday and Friday. It



was attended by about 350 Probians, friends and children comprised of 92 from Cobourg, 86 from Northumberland, 50 from Port Hope, 49 from Brighton, 44 from Northshore, 11 from Peterborough, 9 from Colborne and 9 children.

The afternoon kicked off with free rides on the Carousel and a large number of participants in the various games arranged by each club. Our club provided the “Golf chip into a basket”. Only two people were successful, John Buchan and Rusty Simpson, both of Port Hope, who each took home a bottle of vintage (2005) Wardman wine.

Between 3 and 5 pm we were entertained by the humorous “Tweed Twangers” hillbilly band. The day concluded with a beef and pork, salads, corn and dessert picnic meal. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the best news is that we broke even financially.

I wish to thank our club BBQ committee of **John & Hazel Lyons, Larry & Irene Flood, Pug Heenan and Jennie Herniack** for helping make the day a success. If you have any suggestions for next year, put them in the suggestion box.

Malcolm Wardman – Interclub Coordinator

Second Annual Mixed

Inter-Club Bonspiel

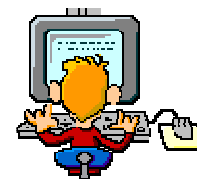
November 23rd

Keep the date clear – last year’s event sold out!



Editor’s Corner

Now that we are back from our summer fun, the Probian format returns to normal. As usual, submissions are welcome but Probus related items get priority.



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ELECTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE

2005-2006

The election of the new Executive Committee of the club will take place at our General Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 15, 2005 as part of our regular meeting.

The following members have allowed their names to be put forward for positions on the Executive for the year 2005-2006.

Past President	Ray Hiller
President	Bob Spooner
Vice President	Karin Allan
Recording Secretary	Elma Parker
Treasurer	Madeline Schoeber
Membership	Roger Allan (Chair), Alma Draper, Helen Cortesis, Eleanor Abramczyk
Probian Editor	John Draper
Speaker's Chair	Myrtle Wardman
House Manager	Larry Flood
Community Service	Joanne Domine
Corresponding Secretary	To be combined with Membership (Eleanor Abramczyk)

Any further nominations must be submitted in writing to the undersigned PRIOR TO the General Meeting on September 15, 2005 to allow for preparation of ballots if needed. All nominations must be accompanied with the written consent of nominees.

Submitted by
Malcolm Wardman
Chair
Nominating Committee.

Thank You

My sincere thanks to those who contributed during the past year – for write ups on speakers and other articles. Without your contribution, there would be large white gaps in the newsletter. Keep them coming over the next year.
John Draper

Port Hope Flood – Mark Peacock

Twenty five years after the flood was Mark Peacock's topic when he spoke at our July meeting using a slide presentation of the disaster.

The March, 1980, flood in Port Hope was the result of 3 feet equivalent of water in snow over ice combined with heavy rain which was the equivalent of 6 feet of water rushing through the Ganaraska watershed from 20 miles upstream to the Oak Ridges Moraine. No dams were lost and dam owners were credited for removing the logs or the damage would have been worse if the dams burst.

Ice blocks 2 feet thick went downstream together with trees and other debris. The 1850 mill at Campbellcroft survived. The Sylvan Glen Road was totally gone. The Sears store in Port Hope was washed away and many other buildings were severely damaged. The LCBO building was in danger but had to remain open for business until word from Ottawa allowed it to close.

The Walton Street bridge opening was not large enough to take the volume of water and ice. Sand bags proved useless so front and back doors of buildings were opened to allow the water through. Fortunately, no lives were lost. Only one person was insured for this disaster.

The Ganaraska Conservation Authority was formed several decades ago but all their great ideas failed to save Port Hope. Since the 1980 flood, the need for channelization became top priority. The river bed was dropped 10 feet with thick stone walls that are just now needing repairs after 25 years. Tons of rock was removed and dynamiting was allowed 24 hours a day. The Walton St. bridge opening was enlarged in preparation for the next 100-year flood.

Good things do come from disasters as it brings out the best in people. People wanting to help those less fortunate and so many volunteers came to help that many had to be turned away. Port Hope has suffered several bad floods but this one resulted in much needed conservation improvements.

Elma Parker