

PROBUS NORTHSHORE

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STANDIN' PROUD

Spring Mixer

We did it!!! What a good time was had by all who attended the second annual Spring Mixer on May 17, 2007 at the Baltimore Recreation Centre Arena. We were cautiously optimistic that ticket sales would exceed 500, but were jubilant to learn that 630 Probus members and guests from 12 regional Probus Clubs attended our gala event. As President, I was extremely proud of our Club for its magnificent achievement and for the hard work of our committees and volunteers who spent hours ensuring the success of the event. It was a team effort of cooperation, support combined with lots of patience. The project brought us closer together as Club members fostering greater collegiality, and fellowship. Special thanks to Sharron McMann, Co-Chair, for her outstanding leadership in organizing a comprehensive committee structure and looking after a myriad of chores in this role.

I have received many congratulatory letters thanking the members of the Probus Club of Northshore for their fine hospitality. I think the following e-mail best captures the spirit of the day and the sentiments of many :

" Congratulations on a terrific Spring Mixer 2007. Your Club has certainly raised the bar more than a little. Your dedicated committee members presented a magnificent program at a great site. The warm welcome all Probians and guests felt as they arrived lasted well past the opening ceremonies.

Your members deserve the thanks of all Probians across Northumberland for a most memorable day. Please pass along our best wishes and thanks for a job well done."

Bill Johnson

Probus Club of Cobourg & District

Election News

It seems that it was such a short time ago that we

elected our current executive and appointed our management committee. Dick Malowney, Vice President and Bob Skene, Treasurer have agreed to sit on the Nominating Committee and to commence the process for the 2007-2008 Probus Year. To expedite the election process, please obtain prior approval from a candidate, before submitting his/her name for nomination.

The Spring Mixer aptly demonstrated that we have a great deal of leadership potential in the Club. If you think you might be able to assist in some management capacity, please advise Dick or Bob.

Membership Renewal

The commencing of the election process is also a reminder that membership renewals are due no later than July 31, 2007, for the year August 1, 2007 through to July 31, 2008. The renewal fee is \$30.00. Cheques should be made out to the Probus Club of Northshore and post dated cheques to July 31, 2007 will be gladly accepted by Bob Skene, Treasurer. (Please note- there is only one meeting in July.)

Regards
President Chuck

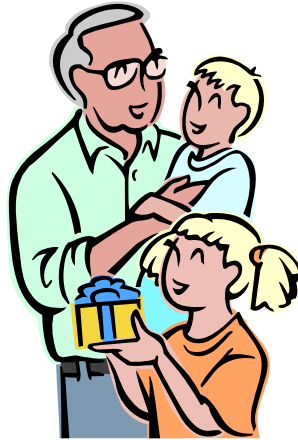


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Notices

"The Northshore Probus Bridge Club will meet at Kathy & Shane Maclean's on June 8th. We play every other Friday afternoon, even during the summer months. We're an easygoing group of bridge players who would like some of our Probus members who play bridge to join us as spares." Please call Kathy at 905 377-8069 if you'd like to be on our spare list."



Thank you to all members who worked so hard to make the Spring Mixer such a success! We cannot name each of you as it would end up looking like our membership list.

Chuck & Sharron

Solutions to May's Puzzles

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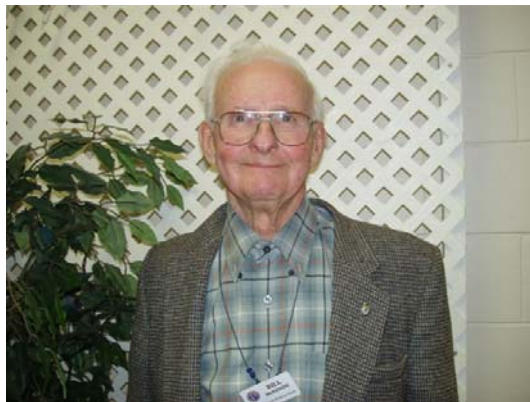
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Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.

Strategic Hitting from the B-team

Back-ups seldom get a chance to play. Still the old adage, "They also serve who stand and wait" holds out some promise. No more was this better kept than in the case of Bill Mackenzie, who normally looks after getting speakers for the Club, now had obligation of having to do the job himself. The scheduled speaker had cancelled due to illness the previous afternoon leaving him no option. Now he did choose a familiar topic, his own life, but then he also had a slide show prepared. (Was this guy ready for the big game or what?)



Bill summarized his RCAF career as "...15,000 hours of boredom interspersed with moments of real terror, but I am still here." In 1952 as a young pilot he was part of group assigned to map part of the Arctic. (Two of the aircraft he flew are now in museums, and again he reminds us, "And I am still here.") The clichés about boys and their toys are all true; age and nostalgia simply sharpen the emotional attachment. The names of the air craft, Norseman, Canso, Otter, long familiar, their specs: payload, speed, distance, though certainly inferior by modern standards, a reminder of boyhood's sense of wonder. "...flying a 110 miles per hour...only five days to get from Rockcliff to Yellow Knife." Wow, just imagine!

He was part of a team. Cartographers had laid out the cairns; RCAF's task was to fly to the closest lake, portage and set up equipment whose signal would then be detected by aircraft flying over head. The points would be triangulated and with a series of flypasts, and the actual distance on the ground calculated. These together with details from air photo-

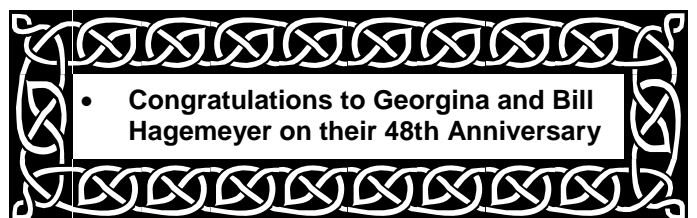
graphs would be used to create the maps.

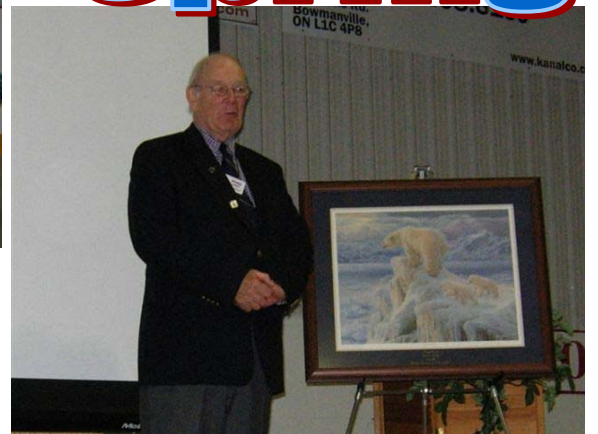
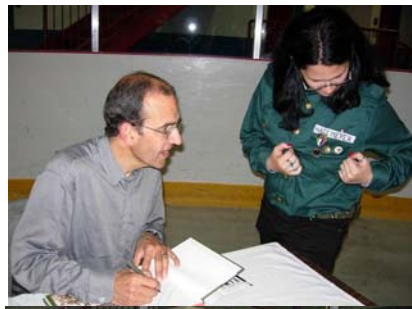
Today satellite imaging could do this work much easily, but it would never be a substitute for the adventure. "Winter bush survival... taking off one's clothes and putting on one's pyjamas in a tent at -40 F..."... catch a dozen fish, Lake Trout, Arctic Char in a matter of minutes while sitting on the plane's float." He bragged but then had to add, "I could have used a bent pin with same result...then too we had fish seven days a week." "The planes were overloaded many times." But then for the young, risk translates to challenge easily.

Flying would dominate Bill's career. During the Cold War he flew missions tracking Soviet missile submarines around the Atlantic with equipment that could identify each sub by the sound its propellers made. Then he worked for Department of Transport as Air Transport Inspector and Air Carrier Inspector.

Curiously after whole thing was over there was little that was different. All left the meeting having learned a little more, but this time it revealed a person whom we have all come to know.

Congratulations and Celebrations

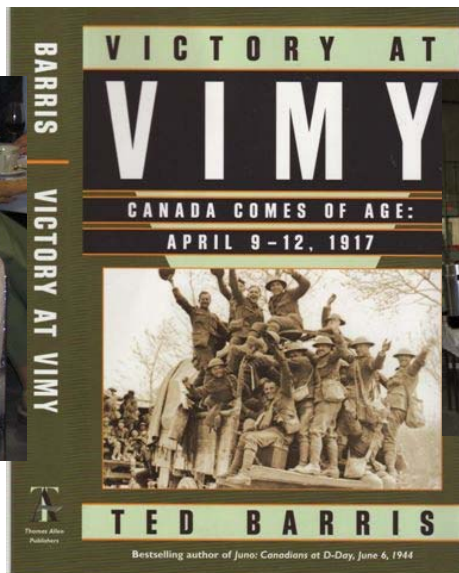




However good or bad a situation is, it will change..



Mixer



Forgive everyone everything.

Speaker's Corner

- 6 June** **Maureen Williams** - St. Johns Ambulatory Dogs -Use & Impact on patients
- 20 June** **Cindy Taylor** - The World of Photography - How to take better pictures
- 4 July** **Kim Quigley** - IMPACT OF JOB CONNECT ON SENIORS
- 1 August** **Aengus Finnan** - History/Preview of SHELTER VALLEY FOLK FESTIVAL
- 5 Sept.** **Pam Hamilton** - CONTINUING CARE TRAINING by a SPECIALIST

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Bill MacKenzie (Chair)
 Jim Oakman
 Jack Hamilton
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Trips, Tours and Theatre

1. **Andre Rieu is sold out, taking names on a Waiting List.**
2. **Westben Concert at the Barn.**
'Summertime & Hammerstein'
Wed July 25th @ 2pm
Make your own travel Arrangements
Show only, \$28.00



**THE FOLLOWING HAVE LIMITED SEATS
 MONEY DUE FRI. JUNE 8TH FOR BOTH.**

3. **Stirling Theatre Show**
"The 60's Prime Time Variety Show"
Wed June 13th Matinee
Lunch Chubby's Restaurant, Hoard's Station
All Inclusive \$ 90.00 per person
4. **"Cirque Du Soliel"**
Fri Aug 24th, 4 pm performance
Dinner- Hot House Cafe
All Inclusive \$169.00 per person
Signup sheets at meeting.

Trips/Tours Coordinator
Carol Lawless/ June Collins

No one is in charge of your happiness except you.

The Puzzle Page

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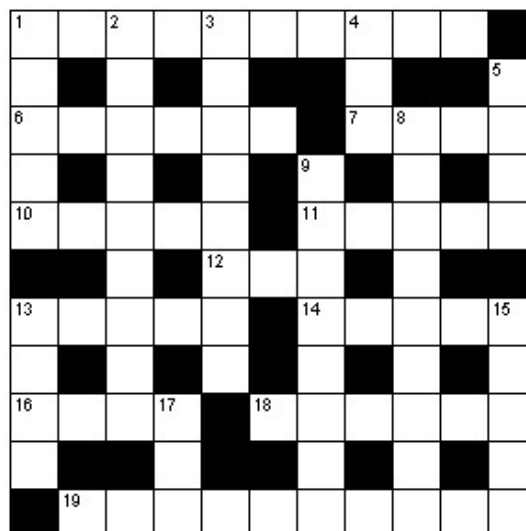
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Across

- Allowable
- Lecture
- Indonesian resort island
- Browned sliced bread
- Undo
- Female fowl
- Soft felt-like fabric
- Shut
- Crustacean
- Magician
- Dorset town

Down

- Item having exchange value
- Cocktail
- Make smooth
- Front part of an apron
- Abrading tool
- Person engaged in spaceflight
- Intersection
- German composer
- Duck with soft down
- Bleat of a sheep



Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple

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A Final Thought

BUMPER STICKERS

Just say NO to negativity

I thought I was indecisive; now I'm not so sure.

When life hands you gators, make Gatorade.

I've heard about the evils of drinking beer, so I gave up reading.

The bigger the hat, the better the cowboy.

I feel better after I wine a little.

National Spelling Bee Runer-Up

The Moral Majority is neither.

Dyslexics Untie!

Sorry if I look interested, I'm not!

Be alert. The world needs more lerts.

Keep on working, millions on welfare depend on you!

Black holes are where God divided by zero.

Excess is never too much in moderation.

When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.